January 16, 2020

The Honorable Susan Concannon, Chairperson
House Committee on Children and Seniors
Statehouse, Room 149A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Concannon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2438 by Representative Concannon

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2438 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2438 would allow certain exceptions to the confidentiality of State Child Death Review Board documents in certain circumstances.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that HB 2438 would allow the State Child Death Review Board to participate in a national database which is free for participating states to use. This would allow for cost savings, as the office currently spends approximately $10,000 per fiscal year to maintain a legacy database with a private vendor. The bill would permit the Board to share information with law enforcement and county or district attorneys for investigation and prosecution purposes. The Office may receive case referrals from county or district attorneys for requests to prosecute certain cases. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2438 is not reflected in The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties
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