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February 6, 2024

The Honorable Susan Concannon, Chairperson House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Concannon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2628 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2628 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2628 would authorize the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families to release certain information and records in the event of a child fatality. The bill would authorize release of certain records in response to an open records request when criminal charges are filed with the court alleging that an individual caused a child fatality. Currently, the release of information only occurs in the event that child abuse or neglect results in a child fatality.

The Department of Corrections, the Department for Children and Families, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, the Office of Judicial Administration, and the Kansas Association of Counties indicate that enactment of HB 2628 would not have a fiscal effect on the respective agencies, the Judicial Branch, or counties.

Sincerely,

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cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary Jennifer King, Department of Corrections Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment William Hendrix, Office of the Attorney General