April 29, 2016

The Honorable Janice Pauls, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Pauls:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2661 by

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2661 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2661 would prohibit the relocation of refugees from certain countries to the State of Kansas. Refugees affected would be those originating from any nation whose government is fully or partially under the control of the Islamic state of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) or other Muslim organizations whose purposes are similar to those of ISIS.

The Department for Children and Families states that HB 2661 would not affect state expenditures. However, federal funding could be placed at risk if the bill provisions do not comply with the state plan or federal Refugee program regulations, specifically 45 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter IV, Part 400. These regulations require states to submit and get approval for a state plan. Changes to the state plan must also be approved in advance. A failure to request a change and get it approved could result in penalties, which include reduction or termination of federal Refugee funds. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2661 is not reflected in The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
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    Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment
    Larry Baer, League of Municipalities