February 13, 2017

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2219 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2219 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2219 would require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to submit a report regarding diabetes information by January 10 of even-numbered years to the Legislative Coordinating Council. The report must include:

1. The financial impact diabetes has for KDHE, the state, localities, and individuals, including the number of individuals with diabetes affected by KDHE programs;

2. An assessment of the benefits of KDHE implemented programs and activities designed to control and prevent the disease. The assessment would include the amount and source of funding directed to KDHE by the Legislature;

3. A description of the level of coordination in the department regarding activities and messaging used to treat or prevent diabetes and its complications;

4. A detailed action plan for battling diabetes with a range of actionable items for consideration by the Legislature. The plan would include a description of action steps and identify benchmarks; and,

5. A detailed budget blueprint identifying needs, costs and resources required to implement the plan.

The requirements of the bill would be limited to the diabetes information, data, initiatives and programs with the Department prior to the effective date of the bill, unless there are unobligated funds available that could be used for new research, data collection or reporting.
Enactment of HB 2219 would increase State General Fund expenditures for KDHE by $111,520 in FY 2018 and by $111,750 in FY 2019 and require one new FTE position. The expenditures for FY 2018 would include:

- 1.00 FTE Section Director Position: $65,020
- Computer Equipment: $2,000
- Telephone, Travel and Office Supplies: $2,000
- BRFSS Data Collection: $12,500
- Data Analysis by Contractors: $30,000

Total: $111,520

The rate set by contractors for data collection and analysis is $30,000 per year. The estimate for FY 2019 assumes a 2.0 percent inflation factor for a total of $111,750. Although there are federal grant funds available for the diabetes data collection process (including software licensing fees), the requirements for the use of these funds are very prescriptive and do not allow for the collection of data outside the scope of any current grants. The data request outlined in HB 2219 is not included in the scope of the grant. The provision in the bill that requires the collection of additional data would be collected through the Department’s existing Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System (BRFSS) and the funding for these expenditures would come from the State General Fund. The use of federal funds would be contingent upon availability. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2219 is not reflected in The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment