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February 21, 2018

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

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2687 by Representative Humphries, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2687 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2687 would enact the Adoption Protection Act. The bill would exempt child placement agencies (CPAs) from being involved with any placement of a child if the placement would violate the CPAs' sincerely held religious beliefs. CPAs could not be denied a license, permit, authorization or renewal for the agencies' refusal to place children based on sincerely held religious beliefs. CPAs could not be denied grants, contracts or be subject to fines or administrative actions or claims as a result of refusal based on sincerely held religious beliefs. CPAs would be required to describe their sincerely held religious beliefs in certain documents, as approved by the CPAs governing body, to qualify for such placement refusals.

The Department for Children and Families indicates enactment of HB 2687 could have a fiscal effect on agency operations. However, the number of CPAs that would deny placement based on sincerely held religious beliefs cannot be estimated by the agency, making it impossible to estimate the bill's fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2687 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
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cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families