February 12, 2018

The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2706 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2706 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2706 would authorize child advocacy centers to perform sexual assault evidence collection as part of medical exam services. The sexual assault evidence collection kits would be sent to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for the purpose of gathering evidence on any such crimes. The bill would also exempt child advocacy centers from civil, administrative or criminal liability as a result of notifying or failing to notify law enforcement when a forensic sexual assault examination has taken place.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicates that enactment of HB 2706 would require it to hire a consultant to develop policies and procedures for performing sexual assault evidence collection. However, KDHE indicates that the fiscal effect cannot be estimated at this time. The KBI indicates that HB 2706 would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2706 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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