

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Susan Concannon, Chairperson
House Committee on Children and Seniors
Statehouse, Room 149A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Concannon:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2271 by Representative Thomas

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2271 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

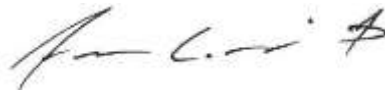
HB 2271 would amend the Kansas Code for Care of Children by permitting the court to exercise jurisdiction over children in need of care and adult children in need of care to extend or re-enter custody of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) until 21 years of age.

There are approximately 3,523 adult children ages 18 to 21 years of age who would fall under the provisions of HB 2271. DCF assumes that 10.0 percent or 352 of these adult children would apply to re-enter custody, which would increase expenditures by \$8.1 million from the State General Fund for FY 2022. Within this total, DCF estimates additional salary and fringe benefit expenses of \$1.3 million for 19.00 new FTE positions, including 12.00 FTE Case Manager positions, 6.00 FTE Supervisor positions, and 1.00 FTE Administrator position. Also, DCF estimates adult placement costs would increase by \$6.8 million and other information technology contractual costs would increase by \$82,000.

If it is determined that under HB 2271 Kansas has an extended foster program, there would be an impact to the Independent Living (IL) program. This change would extend IL ages served and increase caseloads. The fiscal effect of this change is unknown. Federal Title IV-E Foster Care funds would not be available for this program until it was part of the Kansas IV-E State Plan. If Kansas amended the State Plan to show that Kansas has an extended foster care program, federal funds of less than 10.0 percent could be available, if approved.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the bill could increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel on Children in Need of Care cases. However, the Office is unable to estimate the fiscal effect because the number of cases that would be filed is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2271 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families
Debbie Thomas, Judiciary