

February 10, 2021

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151B-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

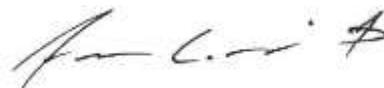
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2215 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2215 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2215 would remove the prohibition on persons convicted of a felony drug offense from being able to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Requirements related to drug testing for food assistance eligibility would also be removed. The bill would add language that no person shall be denied food assistance solely because of a drug related conviction has been added.

According the Department for Children and Families, HB 2215 would allow individuals who were convicted of drug offenses to be eligible to receive Food Assistance benefits. It is estimated that this would increase the food assistance caseload by an average of approximately 50 cases per month. The current average monthly caseload for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is approximately 95,000 cases. Food assistance benefits paid to individuals are 100.0 percent federally funded and are passed through the agency directly to the beneficiary. Therefore, the benefits paid would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The increase in caseload is estimated to be minimal and would be absorbed with current resources.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families