

February 25, 2020

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chairperson  
House Committee on Social Services Budget  
Statehouse, Room 521B-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2549 by House Committee on Social Services Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2549 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2549 would require the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to set the monthly protected income level for the purposes of determining a person's client obligation that is equal to 150.0 percent of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The bill would apply to any person receiving Home and Community Based Services or services under the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly, which is part of the Kansas medical assistance program.

According to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), enactment of HB 2549 would have a fiscal effect on expenditures for Home and Community Based Services and for all-inclusive care for the elderly. The agency estimates the bill would increase expenditures by \$200,000 from all funding sources, including \$80,000 from the State General Fund for FY 2021. KDADS estimates the bill would increase expenditures in the out years as SSI benefits are increased. The agency notes that beginning in January 2020, SSI benefits had a 1.6 percent cost of living adjustment. The Kansas Department for Health Environments states that any fiscal effect associated with the bill would be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2549 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment  
Connie Hubbell, Aging & Disability Services