

March 28, 2012

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2781 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2781 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2781 would create the Kansas Task Force on Obesity Prevention and Management in the Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The duties of the task force would include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Recommend ways to promote the recognition of obesity as a major public health problem in Kansas;
2. Review data and research to determine the number of Kansas children who are overweight or are at risk of being overweight;
3. Identify the contributing factors to the increasing burden of obesity in Kansas;
4. Recommend ways to help Kansans balance healthy eating and physical activity;
5. Identify and research evidence-based strategies to promote lifelong physical activity and healthful nutrition and to assist the overweight and obese to maintain healthy lifestyles;
6. Identify effective and culturally appropriate interventions to prevent and treat obesity;
7. Provide policy recommendations to improve healthful nutrition and physical activity for youth especially in schools, after-school programs, and community and youth centers; and
8. Provide recommendations for parents, caregivers, healthcare providers, youth leaders and other youth-based programs to encourage and support healthy eating and physical activity to promote family strengthening and stability.

The task force would be required to first meet no later than August 1, 2012. The Secretary of KDHE would appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the task force and KDHE would provide administrative assistance as needed. The task force would be required to submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate on or before November 1, 2013. The report would include a comprehensive state plan for implementation of services and programs and an estimate of the cost of the plan.

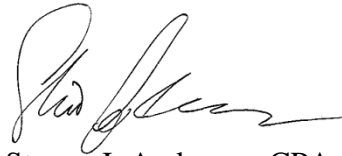
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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of the bill; however, no response has been received to date. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2781 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Aaron Dunkel, KDHE