

March 10, 2014

The Honorable Rob Olson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 424 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

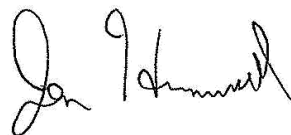
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 424 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

When an injured person receives treatment at a hospital and maintains a claim against another party due to the injuries, the hospital can file a lien on any amounts recovered. The lien would be based upon reasonable and necessary hospital charges for the treatment and care of the injured person. Currently, when filing the lien in district court the hospital must include an itemized statement of all claims, the name and address of the injured person, the date of the accident, the name and location of the hospital, and the names of the parties alleged to be liable for the injuries. In addition, the hospital must send a copy of the notice with the filing date to the parties alleged to be liable for the injuries and their liability insurance carriers, if known.

SB 424 would require the hospital to include in the lien filing only the total amount of the hospital claim, the name of the injured person, the date of the accident, and the name and location of the hospital. The bill would eliminate the requirement for the hospital to give notice to the potentially liable party and the associated insurance carrier.

SB 424 would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary