

January 27, 2015

The Honorable Scott Schwab, Chairperson  
House Committee on Insurance  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwab:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2021 by House Committee on Vision 2020

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2021 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2021 would establish the Highway Patrol Health Plan Continuation Program. A program participant, who elects to enroll, would have unused sick and vacation leave converted into a cash equivalent to pay for the costs of state health care benefits that the participant would be responsible for until the participant becomes eligible for Medicare. The cash equivalents would be credited to the Highway Patrol Health Continuation Fund, established by the bill, and would be administered by the State Insurance Commissioner. The Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol would be responsible for developing and implementing a notification and enrollment process for the program and a process to notify the State Insurance Commissioner of the amount of unused sick and vacation leave to be converted into a cash equivalent for each program participant.

The State Insurance Commissioner would be responsible for the following:

1. Developing and implementing a process to convert a participant's leave into a cash equivalent and crediting it to the Highway Patrol Health Continuation Fund;
2. Developing and implementing a process to pay the cost of each participant's contribution to the program;
3. Providing an annual accounting of program funds remaining to each participant; and
4. Maintaining all program records.

The Kansas Insurance Department indicates there would be additional expenditures for the operation of the program and additional revenues when eligible participants enroll in the

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Highway Patrol Health Plan Continuation Program. However, the agency cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect at this time until given an opportunity to operate under the bill's provisions. The Kansas Highway Patrol indicates that if HB 2021 were passed, the provisions specified in the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2021 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Torrey, KHP  
Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance Department