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The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Statehouse, Room 186-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2573 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2573 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2573 would expand authority and increase protections related to maternal and child health surveillance. The bill would establish formal maternal and pregnancy-associated death case reviews, including establishing an agency review committee for the purpose of informing strategies to improve maternal health and reduce deaths. The bill would require health care and all other providers to grant the Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE) reasonable access to all relevant records associated with a case under review. All information, records, reports, statements, and other data collected would be confidential and restricted from disclosure or release. All proceedings, opinions, and recommendations of the agency review committee formed as a result of proceedings would be confidential and not subject to the provisions of the open records act, open meetings act, or subject to subpoena, discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings. The bill would allow for routine compilation and wide distribution of reports of aggregate, non-individually identifiable data to further the study of causes and problems associated with maternal deaths.

KDHE states that if HB 2573 was enacted, existing federal maternal and child health funding would be allocated for the initiative. Program staff within KDHE would provide support for logistics related to planning and executing meetings and disseminating reports within existing budget resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell  
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment