

February 25, 2019

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 111-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2374 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2374 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Attorney General is authorized to provide an award of up to \$5,000 to a person who provides information concerning violations of the Medicaid Fraud Control Act, False Claims Act or any other provision of law that protects the integrity of the public treasury. HB 2374 would require the Attorney General to award 10.0 percent of any recovery to a person who is an original source of such information. The bill would also specify that individuals would not be entitled to an award if a court finds that they planned or initiated the conduct giving rise to the violation.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that enactment of HB 2374 could encourage more reporting and increase the amount of recoveries and rewards paid. However, the agency notes it has not issued an award under current statute since its enactment. The fiscal effect on the agency cannot be estimated because the number of potential violations and awards is unknown. The Office of Judicial Administration and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2374 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General