



January 31, 2011

The Honorable Bob Bethell, Chairperson
House Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care
Statehouse, Room 55C-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bethell:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2047 by House Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2047 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2047 would create the Geriatric Mental Health Act and would establish a geriatric mental health service program to be administered by the Department on Aging to provide funding for education, outreach, and services through the Area Agencies on Aging. The funding would be targeted to older adults experiencing mental health issues. The bill would require that services be provided for older adults regardless of their living arrangements. In addition, the bill would require the Area Agencies on Aging to contract with qualified service providers to deliver the following services: (1) education on identification of mental illness, diagnosis, risk factors, and service options; (2) outreach to older adults, families, and caregivers to assist in the identification and referral of older adults experiencing mental health issues; and (3) mental health treatment by qualified mental health professionals in the home or other residence setting where the older adults reside.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2011 SGF	FY 2011 All Funds	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	\$52,580	\$52,580
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	1.00

The Kansas Department on Aging indicates that the passage of HB 2047 would have a fiscal effect on its operations. The agency states that it would need 1.00 additional FTE Accountant II position at a cost of \$50,700, from the State General Fund in FY 2012, to manage the program and monitor grants. One-time expenditures of \$1,880 from the State General Fund

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would also be needed to purchase a computer and other related supplies. The agency's estimates cover only the administrative costs associated with facilitating the new program. Funding for the grants would be subject to appropriations and cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2047 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 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: Sara Arif, Department on Aging