

February 28, 2011

The Honorable Steve Brunk, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Brunk:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2343 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2343 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2343 concerns the court's authority to grant custody of a child in need of care. The bill would require the court to give preference to the relative of a child when parental rights are terminated, adoption is viable, and the court is granting custody to proposed adoptive parents. If the court determines that no viable relative exists, the court must grant custody to a person with whom the child has close emotional ties.

Passage of HB 2343 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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