

March 17, 2020

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

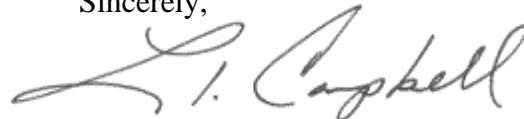
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2735 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2735 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2735 would prohibit parental blindness from being a determining factor for denial or restriction of legal custody, residency or parenting time. The bill would also prohibit blindness from being a determining factor for the denial of an adoption, appointment as a guardian, or license as a foster home. A person's blindness could not serve as a basis for a finding of unfitness or order of temporary custody. A court could order supportive parenting services be provided until the court reviews the situation after a reasonable period. If a court would issue an order against a blind party, the court would be required to show that supportive parenting services would not be a reasonable accommodation.

The Office of Judicial Administration and the Department for Children and Families state that HB 2735 would have no fiscal effect on the agencies.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary