

February 16, 2007

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 115-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2351 by Representative Swenson

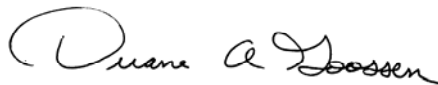
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2351 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2351 would eliminate the coverage requirement of 45 days of inpatient care and 45 visits for out-patient care for the biologically-based mental health conditions defined in the Kansas Mental Health Parity Act. For the defined conditions, coverage would now be limited only by deductibles, coinsurances, and other limitations of the policy that apply to any other medical condition.

The Kansas Insurance Department states that all new and previously approved accident and health policies would have to be amended to reflect these age limit changes. The agency would have to review and approve the policy forms. However, the agency states that this change should not be difficult to review, and therefore should have no fiscal effect.

The Kansas Health Policy Authority administers the State Employees Health Benefits Program. The agency states that the coverage required in the bill is already provided in the program, so there would be no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: John Campbell, Insurance Department
Scott Brunner, Health Policy Authority