

January 25, 2023

The Honorable Francis Averkamp, Chairperson
House Committee on Welfare Reform
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Averkamp:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2140 by House Committee on Welfare Reform

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2140 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

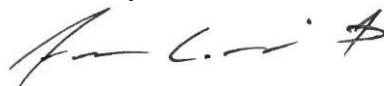
HB 2140 would increase the maximum age in the definition of an Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) from 49 to 59 years of age. ABAWDs between the ages of 18 and 59 would be subject to benefit limitations and work requirements in order to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

The Department for Children and Families indicates that HB 2140 would impose additional limitations on SNAP benefits. Federal regulations limit benefits to able-bodied adults to three months within a three-year period. Time limits and work requirements may be exempted for individuals meeting certain conditions. These regulations allow for an exception to the time limits based on age. 7 CFR 273.24 states:

- c) Exceptions. The time limit does not apply to an individual if he or she is:
(1) Under 18 or 50 years of age or older.

States cannot impose additional limitations on federal SNAP benefits. Failure to comply with federal regulations and definitions could result in federal funds being at risk of being withheld. This could include federal funds to administer the SNAP program and benefits passed to families. In FY 2022, Kansas received over \$30.0 million in federal funding to administer the SNAP program. Additionally, annual SNAP benefits in excess of \$500.0 million are provided to approximately 95,000 Kansas families. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2140 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families