

February 3, 2026

The Honorable Cyndi Howerton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Howerton:

**SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2557 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care**

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2557 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

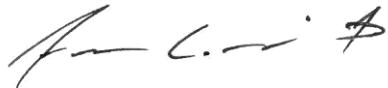
HB 2557 would repeal the existing Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children and replace it with the revised Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children. The bill would include legislative findings that support implementing an interstate compact for placement of children. The bill would authorize the implementation of the Compact which includes a designation by the Governor, of a compact administrator who can enter into supplemental agreements and would be authorized to make payments associated with the Compact and supplemental agreements. The bill would include a criminal penalty of a class C misdemeanor for professionals (persons who receive payment or compensation for providing services related to the placement of children for adoption) who fail to comply with the Compact.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of HB 2557 could have a fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch. The bill would require the Judicial Branch to enforce the Compact and the rules of the commission and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the Compact's purpose and intent. Courts would take judicial notice of the Compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding. The bill would also permit the Interstate Commission to collect an annual assessment fee from the member states. The bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it would create a new crime. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Since this crime carries a class C misdemeanor penalty, there could also be more supervision of offenders required to be performed by our court services officers.

The bill could also result in the collection of supervision fees in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2557, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures and revenues cannot be given by the Judicial Branch. Enactment of HB 2557 could result in the collection of docket fees, fines and supervision fees in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill, most of which would be deposited in the State General Fund.

The Department for Children and Families indicates that enactment of HB 2557 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2557 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families  
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary