

March 9, 2017

The Honorable Julia Lynn, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce  
Statehouse, Room 445-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Lynn:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 71 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 71 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 71 would add clarifying provisions to the statute that governs how child and spousal support orders are treated under Kansas Workers' Compensation laws. Payment of workers' compensation is already subject to enforcement of a child or spousal support order, but SB 71 would delineate between the two types of support orders. Child support orders would be enforceable by means of an income withholding order issued by the Secretary of Children and Families or a contractor acting on behalf of the Secretary, and compensation subject to withholding would be controlled by the provisions of the Kansas Family Law Code. Spousal support orders would continue to be enforced by means of a voluntary or involuntary assignment of a portion of the compensation, as is current law. SB 71 would also establish a separate definition for "order for support or maintenance of a spouse or ex-spouse." Currently child and spousal support orders are covered in a single definition in the statute.

The Department for Children and Families states that while there would be no additional expenditures or revenues under the provisions of the bill, not having to go through the court for income withholding orders will save time and ensure more timely support for Kansas children.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families  
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary  
Colleen Becker, Department of Administration