

February 7, 2005

The Honorable Jim Morrison, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Statehouse, Room 171-W  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Morrison:


SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2155 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2155 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2155 would permit a pharmacist to dispense to a patient a maintenance medication that the patient has been taking over a period of time. This would be necessary only if the physician could not be contacted and the refills had run out. The pharmacist would be permitted to provide only a small amount of medication, presumably enough to last until the physician could verify a refill. This would be done only if it were in the patient's best interest that the medication not be discontinued.

Passage of HB 2155 would have no fiscal effect for the state, pharmacies, physicians, or patients.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, SRS  
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