

February 16, 2005

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

Dear Representative Morrison:

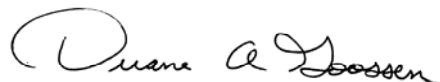
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2285 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2285 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 2285 would change the name of the Kansas Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Aids to the Kansas Board of Examiners in Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments. SB 2285 would clarify statutory language and give the Board more authority to enforce regulations. The bill would give the Board authority if licensed or unlicensed hearing instrument businesses are in violation of regulations to fine, to cease, to censure, and to apply for an injunction. In addition, the bill would prohibit selling a hearing instrument by mail, courier, delivery service, or the Internet without a prior fitting and testing by a licensee.

According to the Board, HB 2285 could be implemented within the current approved operating budget. The Board estimates that additional revenues of less than \$200 per year could result from minor fee changes in the bill. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of HB 2285 is not included in *The FY 2006 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Duane A. Goossen
Director of the Budget

cc: Sherry DuPerier, Hearing Aid Examiners