

February 13, 2006

The Honorable Jim Morrison, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 143-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Morrison:

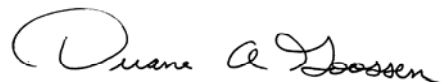
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2734 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2734 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2734 establishes a new requirement for boards, commissions and similar bodies that determine the qualifications of individuals for licensure, certification, or registration. The bill would prohibit these agencies from denying applicants from taking the licensure examination, if the denial is based on the fact that some or all of the applicant's course of study was obtained online through the Internet. The denial could not be made as long as the course of study was from an accredited institution or university, and all the requirements for taking the examination have been met.

A number of state agencies were polled to determine whether HB 2734 had any fiscal effect on their operations. Of the 12 agencies contacted, ten responded and indicated that enactment of HB 2734 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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