

February 8, 2016

The Honorable Janice Pauls, Chairperson  
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Statehouse, Room 285-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Pauls:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2581 by Representatives Kuether, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2581 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2581 would repeal KSA 2015 Supp. 65-4a10, which requires that abortions be performed or induced by a licensed Kansas physician and that any abortifacient (a drug that induces abortion) be administered in the presence of the prescribing physician. The statute also requires that the physician make a reasonable effort to ensure that the patient return for a subsequent examination and assessment.

Passage of the bill, according to the Board of Pharmacy, may increase the frequency of the procedure and also increase the use of certain prescription drugs. The Board of Healing Arts indicates that passage of the bill could result in an increase in the number of complaints regarding physicians, thereby increasing the number of investigations that would need to be performed by the Board. The Board, however, is unable to predict the costs of responding to increased complaints and performing investigations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2581 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts  
Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy  
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary