

February 9, 2016

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2615 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2615 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2615 would allow a charitable healthcare provider who has signed a gratuitous services agreement for providing services to eligible low income patients to claim up to eight continuing education credit hours per licensure period for an equal number of hours worked performing gratuitous healthcare services. The bill would require the Kansas Board of Healing Arts to track and report annually to the legislature the number of gratuitous continuing education units used as compared to the total units required. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) would be required to track and report annually to the legislature what types of charitable healthcare providers have signed agreements according to the act, and how many are using it to provide charitable care.

| Estimated State Fiscal Effect | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | FY 2016 SGF | FY 2016 All Funds | FY 2017 SGF | FY 2017 All Funds |
| Revenue | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Expenditure | -- | -- | -- | \$47,743 |
| FTE Pos. | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 |

The Board of Healings Arts states that 1.00 additional Senior Administrative Assistant position would be necessary to meet the tracking and reporting functions required in the bill. The annual salary and operating costs would total \$40,432. In FY 2017, one-time expenditures of \$7,311 would be needed for furniture and office supplies. The Division of the Budget does not consider the additional tracking and reporting requirements in the bill substantial and, therefore, would not justify an additional FTE position.

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KDHE states that any additional expenditures resulting from the requirements of HB 2615 would be handled within current resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2615 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
Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment