April 4, 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 2658 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2658 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2658 would require medical doctors who perform “convenient human abortions” to disclose that they do so to new and existing patients. The bill would define a “convenient abortion” as one in which there is no physical or psychological necessity for the procedure to be performed. The bill would be part of and supplemental to the Woman’s Right to Know Act (WRTK) which is published by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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The passage of HB 2658 would require KDHE to update WRTK Act materials which the Department is required to publish and distribute. This would require KDHE to make changes to the website and provide updated brochures to health clinics, necessitating a word by word review of all current WRTK information (print, video, and website). The review would be done by existing staff without additional resources; however, the cost of the revision, printing, and distribution of updated materials would total $28,650 from the State General Fund. The cost estimate includes $18,450 for printing; $1,000 for supplies to produce DVDs; $7,000 in contractual services to produce English/Spanish voice over versions; $2,000 for postage; and $200 for communications.
The Board of Healing Arts indicates that the passage of the bill could have a fiscal effect related to complaints being filed with the Board; however, it is unknown what the fiscal effect would be. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2658 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