

March 9, 2016

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 490 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 490 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 490 would add dry needling to the scope of practice for physical therapists and would replace the wording “article 29 of chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto” wherever it appears in the bill with “the physical therapy practice act.”

The passage of SB 490 could result in an increase in the number of reports and complaints regarding practitioners alleged to have violated requirements contained in the physical therapy practice act. Increased complaints could then result in an increase in the number of corresponding investigations that would need to be performed by Board of Healing Arts staff and the number of disciplinary cases handled by the Board. An increase in the number of investigations and disciplinary cases assigned to and performed by Board staff would proportionally increase related operational expenses such as travel, records duplication costs, court reporter and transcription fees and expert witness fees. An estimate of the number of additional reports and complaints cannot be made, so the possible increase in operating expenditures cannot be determined at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 490 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