March 5, 2018

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 186-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2557 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2557 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2557 would require the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA) to license and regulate individuals who practice as a massage therapist in Kansas beginning September 1, 2020. The bill defines terms and prescribes the requirements to be met for licensure as a massage therapist and sets maximum fee amounts. The bill would establish within KSBHA, a six-member advisory committee to advise and assist the Board in implementing the requirements.

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KSBHA states that HB 2557 would result in a notable change in the agency’s responsibilities. Licensing staff would have to be trained on the new licensing group. Rules, regulations, applications, forms, booklets and affected on-line or agency websites items would have to be developed and implemented to reflect the new regulatory status of licensure and the new scope of practice. The agency indicates that the number of investigations and disciplinary cases would increase. KSBHA states further that agency staff is currently at full capacity and 1.00 new Legal Assistant FTE position and 1.00 new Licensure Analyst FTE position would be needed.
Total additional salary and wage expenditures for the new positions are estimated at $83,824 per year. Additional annual operating costs are estimated to be $5,040 for phone, email, internet, office supplies and travel. For FY 2018, one-time additional expenditures for furniture, equipment and publishing costs are estimated at $15,428. Additional revenue is also expected, however, because the agency cannot estimate the number of licensees, a revenue estimate cannot be made. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2557 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Chief Budget Officer

cc: Beth Visocsky, Board of Healing Arts