February 14, 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 2664 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2664 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2664 would create the Social Work Mobility and Workforce Mobility Task Force. The Task Force would consist of 15 members appointed by various state agencies. The purpose of the Task Force would be to assess the current social work workforce capacity to meet the needs of Kansas communities. The Task Force would also determine trends in employment and provide information on relevant policy efforts across Kansas. The Task Force would evaluate regulatory licensing requirements and mobility practice in neighboring states to enable care continuity regardless of client location. The Task Force would examine the availability of all licensure levels of social work in urban and rural areas of Kansas and the availability of social work supervision at the licensed specialist clinical social work level. The Task Force would begin meeting on or before August 1, 2018, and would have a maximum of four meetings per year. The Task Force would provide a preliminary report of their findings to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and various legislative committees by January 14, 2019. The final report and recommendation would be due to the same groups by January 13, 2020.

Task Force members, attending meetings “who are not otherwise reimbursed for attending the meetings would be paid amounts provided in KSA 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto, not to exceed four meetings in any year. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department of Labor and the Department for Children and Families do not anticipate any fiscal effect. The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services anticipates there could be a
fiscal effect but is unable to determine the amount. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2664 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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