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The Honorable Gene Suellentrop, Chairperson Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare Statehouse, Room 441-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Suellentrop:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 193 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 193 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 193 would amend current statutes associated with licensure by reciprocity for PhD Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors, Social Workers, Professional Counselors, and Master's Level Psychologists. The amendments would allow individuals licensed in other states and jurisdictions to be licensed in Kansas upon meeting the requirements outlined in the bill and paying applicable licensure fees. The bill would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates enactment of SB 193 could increase its administrative costs and fee revenues remitted to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board Fee Fund from additional professionals licensed by the Board. However, the Board is unable to provide a precise estimate of additional fee revenues because the number of individuals who may decide to become licensed as a result of this bill is unknown. In any case, the Board indicates it could absorb additional work created from the passage of SB 193 within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 193 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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