

January 28, 2021

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

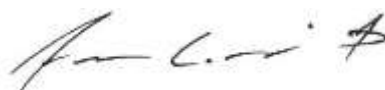
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 77 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 77 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 77 would enact the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact. The purpose of the compact would be to provide a home state license and remote state privilege to practice for audiologists and speech-language pathologists in states that are members of the compact.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services estimates that enactment of SB 77 would have a fiscal effect on agency expenditures; however, a fiscal impact cannot be estimated. The agency states that if enough additional adverse actions need to be taken with out-of-state licensees an additional attorney position may be required for the increase in workload. Additional agency expenditures may be necessary to modify the licensee database to differentiate types of licenses and to grant access to the database by other compact member states. There could also be increased travel and other operating expenditures that would arise from membership in the compact. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 77 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Connie Hubbell, Aging & Disability Services