

February 10, 2023

The Honorable Steven K. Howe, Chairperson
House Committee on Higher Education Budget
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 281-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Howe:

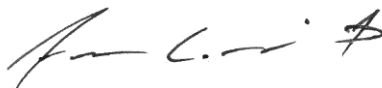
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2375 by House Committee on Higher Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2375 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2375 would create a new type of temporary license for certain social work applicants who receive their education from programs that are in candidacy from a national accrediting body recognized by the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. These new licenses would last up to 24 months and would be extended by the Board for an additional 24 months if the program remains in “candidacy.” If the program becomes accredited, then the person could request a permanent license. If the program fails the accreditation process, then the temporary license would be revoked. The bill would clarify that this new type of temporary license would apply to online programs as well as in-person programs. The bill would also include authority for the Board to charge a fee for this new temporary license.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates the new fee that would be created with the enactment of HB 2375 would increase revenues to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board Fee Fund by \$500, of which \$50 would be remitted to the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2375 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: David Fye, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board