

February 27, 2013

The Honorable David Crum, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 512-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Crum:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2235 by House Committee on Vision 2020

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2235 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The Kansas Board of Pharmacy administers the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program through a database named K-TRACS (Kansas Tracking and Reporting of Controlled Substances). Current law requires the program to be monitored by the Prescription Monitoring Advisory Committee which is to consist of at least nine members. HB 2235 would amend this statute to increase the number of committee members from nine to ten. The additional member must be a consumer advocate appointed by the Governor. The bill would also require all members to sign a confidentiality agreement not to disclose any information divulged to the advisory committee during the performance of its duties. The Board would be required to design the confidentiality agreement and present it to advisory committee members for signatures. An advisory committee member who knowingly discloses information in violation of the confidentiality agreement would be guilty of a severity level 10, nonperson felony.

The Board of Pharmacy indicates that HB 2235 would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.

Sincerely,



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cc: Debra Billingsley, Board of Pharmacy