

January 31, 2014

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
Statehouse, Room 441-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

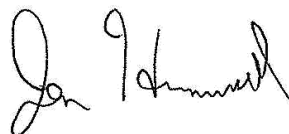
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 326 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 326 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 326 would amend the Nurse Practice Act to allow Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to prescribe drugs without protocol and would remove the requirement of a collaborative agreement with a physician. The program of transition to full practice APRN must be completed within two years and include 2,000 hours. The bill would allow APRNs to plan and execute a healthcare plan, to provide counseling, to serve as a primary care provider, and to lead a health care team. The bill would also require an APRNS to carry malpractice insurance.

The Board of Nursing indicates that passage of the bill would require the revision of regulations, but the cost of these revisions would be negligible. The cost of purchasing malpractice insurance would be borne by licensees.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,  
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Blubaugh, Board of Nursing