

March 6, 2017

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2244 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2244 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2244 would establish the Maternal Mortality Review Committee within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for the purpose of reviewing and preventing maternal deaths. The Committee would comprise up to 10 members from a variety of professional backgrounds specified in the bill. All members would be appointed by the Secretary of KDHE and would serve without compensation; however, members would be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in their duties as a committee member. Health care providers, medical care facilities, maternity centers, and pharmacies identified in the bill would be required to provide reasonable access to relevant medical records associated with a case under the Committee's review. These health care entities would not be held liable for civil damages, or subject to criminal or disciplinary action, for good faith efforts to provide relevant records. All information collected under HB 2244 would be privileged and inadmissible as evidence in any action before a court. The Committee's proceedings and records would not be subject to the Kansas Open Records Act, the Kansas Open Meetings Act, subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in a civil or criminal proceeding.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	\$52,294	\$52,294	\$39,150	\$39,150
FTE Pos.	--	0.25	--	0.25

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The fiscal effect of HB 2244 on the Judiciary and the Board of Healing Arts would be negligible. The fiscal effect for KDHE would be \$52,294 all from the State General Fund in FY 2018 and \$39,150 from the State General Fund in FY 2019. The expenses would include:

Advanced Epidemiologist at 0.25 percent FTE Position	\$18,959
Contract Expenses for Medical Records Review	15,150
One-Time System Module Development	13,185
Committee Member Reimbursement	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$52,294

Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2244 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts