

March 2, 2017

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 152 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 152 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 152 would allow physicians, physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to utilize expedited partner therapy to treat a sex partner of a person diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea without performing an intervening medical evaluation or using professional prevention counseling. The bill would require the Board of Nursing and the Board of Healing Arts to write and adopt rules and regulations that would be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

Enactment of SB 152 would increase fee fund expenditures by \$6,831 in FY 2018 for the Board of Nursing to write and adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the bill. The Board of Healing Arts indicates that SB 152 could result in additional reports or complaints regarding physicians alleged to have violated the requirements in the bill, which could result in an increased number of investigations that would need to be performed by the Board of Healing Arts. Potential increases in investigations would increase operational expenses; however, the Board is unable to predict what any additional costs would be. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 152 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts
Inge Reed, Board of Nursing