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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 338 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 338 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 338 would require the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts to regulate health care professionals practicing as surgical technologists. The bill defines and lists qualifications for surgical technologists and would require the Board to adopt rules and regulations to establish continuing education requirements for surgical technologists. The bill would prohibit medical care facilities from employing surgical technologists who do not have specified qualifications. The bill would also specify that the practice of the healing arts does not include surgical technologists.

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts indicates that SB 338 would require the regulation of an additional category of health care providers, which has the potential to increase the number of complaints and investigations that are handled by the Board. The Board states that agency staff is currently at full workload capacity and any increase would require the addition of a new legal assistant position and a new licensure analyst position. The Board estimates annual salary expenditures for the two new positions at \$83,824. The increase in annual operating costs associated with the new positions is estimated at \$3,840. One-time expenditures for furniture, computers, telephones for the new positions and the development and printing and publishing of new forms, booklets and regulations is estimated at \$16,260. The bill does not address the authority for the Board to charge certification fees or levy fines in disciplinary cases, therefore it is anticipated that no new revenues would result from enactment of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 338 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell  
Chief Budget Officer

cc: Beth Visocsky, Board of Healing Arts