

January 31, 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 68 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 68 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 68 would enact the Kansas Lay Caregiver Act which would make it possible for a patient that is hospitalized to designate a caregiver as they are admitted and as they are discharged from the hospital. The hospital would provide follow-up information to the caregiver and request that the patient provide the caregiver with the name of a person to contact to make sure the discharged patient is being taken care of and is following discharge instructions. The caregiver could also be trained to assist with specific tasks required for proper aftercare. The bill would take effect after its publication in the statute book.

The passage of SB 68 would have no fiscal effect for the Kansas Insurance Department. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been contacted regarding the fiscal effect of SB 68. At this time, KDHE is unable to estimate any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of the bill. If further information regarding the fiscal effect of the bill is received by the Division of the Budget, a revised fiscal note will be issued. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 68 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Jean Krahn, Guardianship Program  
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment  
Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance