

March 15, 2021

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 274 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 274 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 274 would update the Naturopathic Doctor Licensure Act. The bill would allow for a naturopathic doctor to order and perform physical examinations, certain orifical examinations, laboratory examinations, and prescribe, administer or dispense medications. A naturopathic doctor would also be allowed to order certain diagnostic imaging tests but would have to refer to a licensed and qualified professional to conduct an interpret the test results. The bill would also describe other activities a naturopathic doctor could and could not perform. A naturopathic doctor would be required to maintain records as described in the bill. The bill would also expand the instances when the Board of Healing Arts could deny, refuse to renew, suspend, revoke, place under probationary conditions, or limit a license. Finally, the bill would update license renewal requirements.

As of February 24, 2021, there are 47 licensed naturopathic doctors. The Board of Healing Arts states that enactment of the bill could lead to an increase in complaints that could be actionable and lead to an increase in investigations and litigations. However, the agency estimates that the increase in complaints could be absorbed by existing staff and would not require any additional funding.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that any additional expenditures created by the bill would be negligible and absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 274 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a distinct flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Debbie Thomas, Judiciary