

February 8, 2022

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 387 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

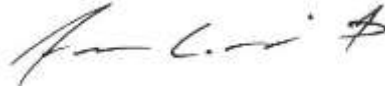
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 387 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 387 would add to the list of requirements for licensure as a Specialist Clinical Social Worker, an allowance for applicants to obtain additional postgraduate supervised experience in lieu of certain types of professional experience. The bill would also allow most master's level or above practitioners to test for licensure as an Addiction Counselor. In addition, SB 387 would require three of the 50 hours of continuing education currently required for Licensed Psychologists to relate to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Current law requires the 50 hours of continuing education to also include three hours of professional ethics and six hours related to diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders. SB 387 would allow any of the three hours of professional ethics and six hours of diagnosis and treatment that relate to DEI to count toward fulfilling the new DEI continuing education requirement.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates certain provisions would be technical in nature while others would increase revenues and expenditures related to additional individuals seeking licensure. The Board indicates 10.0 percent of any new revenue would be remitted to the State General Fund and the remaining amount would be credited to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board in accordance with current law. The Board is unable to determine the number of individuals that may seek licensure under the provisions of SB 387; as a result, an estimate of revenues and expenditures that may result from the bill's enactment was not provided. However, the Board indicates any fiscal effect of expenditures from additional staff time spent reviewing

and processing applications, licenses, continuing education and rules and regulations could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 387 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: David Fye, Behavioral Sciences