

February 15, 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 454 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 454 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

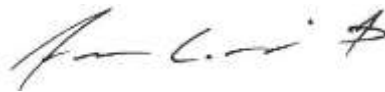
SB 454 would permit an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) to prescribe drugs without a supervising physician, require APRN malpractice insurance coverage, and require national certification for initial licensure as an APRN in Kansas. These changes would take effect on July 1, 2023. Currently, an APRN must have a collaborative agreement with a supervising physician for prescriptive authority and national certification for initial licensure is only required for the Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$40,600
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

According to the Board of Nursing, additional fields would have to be added to the Board's licensure software to enable the Board to validate national certification and malpractice insurance. Currently, the Board does not have the ability to attach documents to online applications. This would need to be added so the applicant can provide proof of the new requirements. Communication would need to occur with all the licensed APRNs and their employers about the change in requirements. APRN applications would need to be updated and revisions of some of

the rules and regulations updated, which will involve the members of the APRN Committee. Staff with the Board would need to research the requirements of national certifying organizations for APRNs, prepare the information, and present to the Board so they could approve those national certifying organizations whose certification standards are equal to or greater than the corresponding standards established by the Board. The Board estimates that SB 454 would increase operating expenditures by \$40,600 from the Board Nursing Fee Fund for one-time costs. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 454 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jill Simons, Board of Nursing