

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 474 by Senator Straub

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 474 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 474 would establish staffing requirements for vehicles used to provide emergency care in counties with a population less than 10,000. The bill would require a vehicle providing emergency care to operate with one person that is certified as an emergency medical service provider, an individual licensed by the State Board of Healing Arts to practice medicine and surgery, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse or a professional nurse, and a second person that either meets the same requirements or is a person certified in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

| Estimated State Fiscal Effect | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | FY 2022 SGF | FY 2022 All Funds | FY 2023 SGF | FY 2023 All Funds |
| Revenue | -- | -- | -- | (\$48,000) |
| Expenditure | -- | -- | -- | (\$45,000) |
| FTE Pos. | -- | -- | -- | -- |

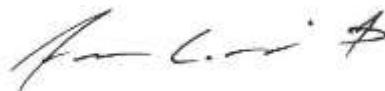
The Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) indicates that enactment of the bill would decrease expenditures for aid to local governments by \$45,000 beginning in FY 2023. The agency provides a grant opportunity for personnel to gain certification in predominantly rural counties and anticipates enactment of the bill would reduce the number of certified personnel and number of classes for certification being offered, which would result in fewer grants being

awarded. In turn, the agency states enactment of the bill would decrease revenues by approximately \$48,000 beginning in FY 2023 from fewer individuals seeking certification and recertification as an EMS provider. The agency notes that there are 66 counties in Kansas with a population less than 10,000 with a total of 1,648 providers. The agency anticipates enactment of the bill would result in an overall reduction of 20.0 percent of providers in counties with a population less than 10,000 and a 10.0 percent reduction in counties with a population over 10,000 due to fewer courses of instruction being offered.

The agency also notes the bill would eliminate the emergency medical responder certification, which is most often obtained to function on an ambulance as a second provider. The agency notes that the 66 counties with a population less than 10,000 hold 36.0 percent of the certified emergency medical responder certifications in Kansas.

The Board of Healing Arts indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 474 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: Joe House, EMS
Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts