January 28, 2020

The Honorable Robert Olson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
Statehouse, Room 236-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Olson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 281 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 281 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 281 would establish the Healthcare Price Disclosure Act, which would require healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities to make available to the public, upon request, the direct pay price for common services. Healthcare professionals must make available in a single document the direct pay price for at least the 25 most common services. Healthcare facilities must make available in a single document the direct pay price for at least the 50 most common diagnosis-related group codes and at least the 50 most common outpatient service codes. Healthcare facilities would not be required to report direct pay prices to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The Board of Healing Arts indicates the bill may increase the number of complaints received by the agency, but the number of complaints would likely be low and could be handled within existing resources. The bill would have no fiscal effect on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
    Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts