

January 20, 2023

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

Dear Senator Gossage:

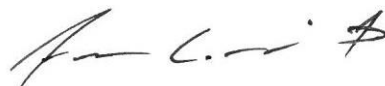
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 5 by Senator Steffen

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 5 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 5 would amend the Kansas Telemedicine Act (Act) to clarify that “abortion procedure” includes the prescribing of drugs intended to induce an abortion. Current provisions state that nothing in the Act shall be construed to authorize the delivery of an abortion procedure via telemedicine. The bill would also prohibit those sections of the Act related to abortion from being altered or suspended during any state of disaster emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to KSA 48-924.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Office of the Governor, enactment of SB 5 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts indicates any increase in workload could be managed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 5 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment
Josh McGinn, Office of the Governor