February 6, 2012

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2564 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2564 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2564 would enact the Massage Therapist Licensure Act through the State Board of Healing Arts which would require those who practice massage therapy in the state to be licensed. The bill would also establish a five-member Massage Therapy Advisory Council, and would charge the Board with adopting rules and regulations to implement the Act. The bill would also specify the amounts that could be charged for applications and licensure.

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The passage of HB 2564 would increase expenditures by $220,403 from the Board of Healing Arts Fee Fund for the Board of Healing Arts in FY 2013 and require 4.00 additional FTE positions. The Board notes that there are one-time costs of $65,938 included in the estimate for FY 2013. Expenditures would be reduced by that amount in FY 2014 to $154,465. Should the bill pass, the Board would not begin to collect fee revenue until FY 2014, at which time they estimate revenue of $208,000 generated by licensure fees from massage therapists. The cost estimate for FY 2013 would include the following:
Salaries and wages $196,403
Publication costs for notices 9,000
Agency forms, licenses 2,000
Travel expenses 8,000
Equipment 5,000
Total $220,403

The Board estimates the number of massage therapists seeking licensure in the state per year based on the information received from a representative of the Kansas Massage Therapy Association. Based on this data, the Board estimates revenue of $208,000 from application fees. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2564 is not reflected in The FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Healing Arts