

February 9, 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 2631 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2631 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2631 would add a new Extended Care Permit III (ECP III) hygienist under the Kansas Dental Practices Act. The bill would allow ECP III hygienists to provide services in locations outside of a dentist's office including nursing homes, senior centers, clinics, schools, juvenile facilities, local health departments, and community health centers. Current law already provides for ECP I and ECP II hygienists, who are also able to provide certain services at the above locations. The ECP III would be able to perform additional dental tasks and procedures after the hygienist has performed 2,000 hours of dental hygiene care or has been an instructor at an accredited dental hygiene program for three academic years within the past four years, and completed a course of study of 18 seat hours approved by the Kansas Dental Board which includes, but is not limited to, emergency dental care techniques, the preparation and placement of temporary restorations, the adjustment of dental prostheses, and appropriate pharmacology.

The bill would also require the Kansas Board of Regents to seek additional seats for Kansas students at University of Missouri—Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry with the requirement that students provide dental services in underserved areas across Kansas for at least four years after graduation.

HB 2631 would establish a new special volunteer dental license for dentists who are retired and wish to donate their expertise to the indigent and underserved. The Kansas Dental Board could not charge application fees, license fees, or renewal fees for the new licenses. Also, no continuing education requirements would be required for those who obtain the special volunteer dental license.

The bill would also expand the locations at which dental services provided on a gratuitous basis could be performed on medically indigent persons. The new locations would include dental offices or charitable programs organized by dentists; however, the locations must possess an agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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The Kansas Dental Board indicates that the amount of additional revenue generated by the new permit fees would be small. Currently, the Board assesses a one-time application fee of \$5 for each dental hygienist who applies for an ECP I or ECP II. To date, there are 52 licensed hygienists who hold an ECP I and 96 licensed hygienists that hold an ECP II. It is anticipated that the same one-time application fee of \$5 would be required of those hygienists who qualify and apply for an ECP III. It is unknown how many licensed hygienists would seek an ECP III.

It is presumed that enactment of HB 2631 would have a fiscal effect on the Kansas Board of Regents from the provision requiring that additional seats be added for Kansans at the UMKC School of Dentistry. However, information from the Board was not available at the time this note was prepared. A revised fiscal note will be sent upon receipt of data from the Board.

Both the Department of Education and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services indicate that there would be no fiscal effect, respectively, for either agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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