January 18, 2011

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 552-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 5 by Senator Kelsey

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

SB 5 would require the Board of Healing Arts to license and regulate individuals who practice perfusion in Kansas beginning July 1, 2012. Perfusion is defined as “the functions necessary for the support, treatment, measurement, or supplementation of the cardiovascular, circulatory, respiratory systems or other organs, or a combination of those activities, to ensure the safe management of physiologic functions by monitoring and analyzing the parameters of the systems…” The bill outlines the types of licenses the Board would be authorized to grant and lists the requirements for obtaining a license from the Board. In addition, SB 5 establishes the maximum fees for application and licensure for perfusionists. Finally, the bill establishes the Perfusion Council to assist in advising the Board on perfusionist issues.

The Board of Healing Arts states that implementation of SB 5 would cost approximately $23,500 from the Healing Arts Fee Fund in FY 2012 in preparation of the new duties to begin in FY 2013. Of this amount, $12,000 would be for information technology upgrades to electronic forms, databases, and the online renewal system; $4,500 would be for publication fees for proposed regulations in the Kansas Register; $1,000 would be for the creation of applications, forms, booklets, and other agency website updates; and $6,000 would be for travel expenses for the five-member Perfusion Council. The agency estimates that 50 new perfusionist licenses
would be issued in the first year at a fee of $80 per application, for total revenue of $4,000 to the fee fund in FY 2013. The Board anticipates similar numbers of renewals in future fiscal years. Any fiscal effect resulting from the passage of SB 5 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*. 

Sincerely,

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cc: Cathy Brown, Healing Arts