

February 18, 2019

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 352-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2295 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2295 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2295 would create the Anesthesiologist Assistant Licensure Act. In order to practice in Kansas, anesthesiologist assistants would have to be licensed by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts beginning January 6, 2020. The bill includes definitions of terms, establishes licensure requirements, maximum license fees, and causes for revoking, suspending, or limiting a license. The bill would limit the number of anesthesiologist assistants an anesthesiologist could supervise at any one time to four. The bill would establish the Anesthesiologist Assistant Council within the Board of Healing Arts to advise the Board in carrying out the provisions of the Act.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	\$400	\$4,000
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$63,483
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	1.00

The State Board of Healing Arts states that enactment of this bill would result in significant change in agency responsibilities. The Board would need to train licensing staff on this new licensing group. Board staff would also need to draft and implement rules and regulations and create applications, forms, booklets, and other affected on-line or agency website items to reflect

the new regulatory status of licensure and the new scope of practice. Reports and complaints of practitioners not complying with new licensure category requirements may increase the number of investigations and disciplinary cases assigned to and performed by board staff. Substantial changes would also need to be made to the Board's electronic database and on-line renewal system; however, most of this work could be accomplished in-house with existing IT staff.

The Board states that agency staff is currently at full workload capacity. Any increase in complaints, investigations, and caseloads would necessitate an increase in staff positions to accomplish the agency's statutory requirements. The agency estimates 1.00 additional legal assistant FTE position would be required to research and assist with drafting rules and regulations mandated by this bill. The Board estimates additional expenditures in FY 2020 of \$63,483 from the agency fee fund. The amount includes \$47,023 for salary and wage expenditures and \$16,460 for other operating expenditures, of which \$7,000 would be one-time expenditures for office equipment.

The Board also estimates additional revenue of \$4,000 in FY 2020 from licensing fees for the new group, 10.0 percent of those fees would be deposited in the State General Fund and the rest would be deposited in the agency fee fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2295 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Beth Visocsky, Board of Healing Arts