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Laura Kelly, Governor

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

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2207 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2207 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2207 would prohibit individuals licensed by the Board of Healing Arts, the Board of Nursing, and the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board from performing "conversion therapy" on any person under 18 years of age. If any licensee were to perform conversion therapy on a person under 18 years of age, the act would constitute unprofessional conduct and would be subject to discipline by the licensee's regulatory board. The new restrictions would not apply to religious leaders or an official of any religious denomination if the therapy is part of the leader's or official's religious duties and is not performed under a license issued by any of the above licensing entities.

The Board of Nursing indicates that enactment of HB 2207 would require revision of the Board's regulations, which would need to be published in the *Kansas Register* at a cost of less than \$2,000 from the Nursing Fee Fund in FY 2021.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates that the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on expenditures that would be absorbed within the Board's existing budget. The Office of Judicial Administration and the Board of Healing Arts indicate that HB 2207 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2207 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: David Fye, Behavioral Sciences Jill Simons, Board of Nursing Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts Debbie Thomas, Judiciary