

February 9, 2023

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

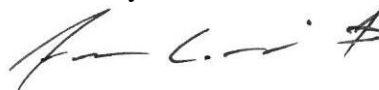
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2258 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2258 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2258 would prohibit the use of conversion therapy for any individual under 18 years of age by a person licensed by the State Board of Healing Arts, the Board of Nursing, or the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. Conversion therapy would be defined as any practice or treatment that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings towards individuals of the same sex or gender. The bill would include details of what would not be included in the practice or treatment of conversion therapy, as well as various exceptions to the prohibition. Violations of the bill would constitute unprofessional conduct and be subject to discipline by the licensee's respective regulatory board.

According to the Kansas State Board of Nursing, enactment of HB 2258 would result in increased costs estimated to be under \$1,000 related to revision of regulations, public hearings, and publication in the Kansas Register. The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts indicate that passage of the bill could result in an increase of investigations but the number of licensees that might violate the provisions of the bill could not be estimated. Both agencies report the additional expenditures could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2258 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

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