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The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 103 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 103 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 103 would require treating dentists to provide basic information about the dentist and dental practice ownership upon request of a patient. This would include, but not be limited to, the full name, after-hours emergency contact information, and the Kansas state license number for the dental practice owner and the treating dentist. A failure to provide this information would subject the dentist to disciplinary action by the Kansas Dental Board.

The bill would remove provisions of the Kansas Dental Practices Act that currently prevent licensed dentists from conducting a dental office with their name attached when they are not personally present in the office operating as a dentist or personally overseeing operations at least 20.0 percent of the time patients are being treated in such office. SB 103 would also remove provisions related to requirements for licensee's secondary dental offices. The bill would prohibit licensees from directing or pressuring other dentists who are employees, associates, or subordinates to perform dentistry that fails to adhere to the applicable standard of dental care or that violates the Act. In addition, a dentist or contract for dental services would be prohibited from requiring a patient to sign an agreement that attempts to limit the patient's ability to file a complaint with the Board.

According to the Kansas Dental Board, enactment of SB 103 would not result in a fiscal effect on agency operations.

Sincerely,

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cc: Charity Carlat, Dental Board