January 19, 2016

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The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2456 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2456 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2456 would enact the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact for the purpose of strengthening access to health care. The bill would create a new pathway for physicians to become licensed in multiple states through the Compact, and includes definitions, specifies eligibility and registration requirements for expedited physician licensing.

HB 2456 would establish a database of all licensed physicians. The bill would establish interstate member boards that would have authority for the investigation, disciplinary action, litigation, and enforcement of the Compact. The bill would create the Interstate Commission as part of the Compact and would specify the powers and duties of the Commission, including administration, finance powers, and organizational structure and operations. The Commission would also promulgate rules appropriate for operations. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government would have oversight of the Compact.

The Commission would attempt, upon the request of a member state, to resolve disputes that are subject to the Compact, and would promulgate rules providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution as appropriate. Any state would be eligible to become a member state of the Compact and the Compact would become effective and binding upon legislative enactment into law by at least seven states. Any state could withdraw from the Compact one year after the state’s legislature passes a statute repealing the Compact.
The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts indicates that enactment of the bill would increase expenditures by $3,000 in FY 2016 and $6,000 for the cost of travel to Commission meetings. The Board estimates that approximately 10 Medical Doctors licenses would be issued licenses through the compact during FY 2017 at a renewal cost of $320 each. This would increase revenue to the Healing Arts Fee Fund by $3,200. The bill would have no fiscal effect for the Office of the Attorney General. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2456 is not reflected in The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report.

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Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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    Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
    Aaron Dunkel, Health & Environment
    Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts