

February 24, 2025

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

Dear Representative Carpenter:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2251 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2251 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

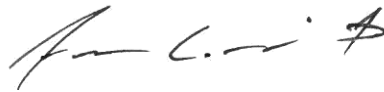
HB 2251 would enact the Expanding Physician Access Act of 2025. The bill would require the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts to grant provisional licensure to practice medicine to international physicians meeting certain qualifications when they receive offers of employment as a physician with healthcare providers operating within Kansas. The bill would include definitions and requirements for the provisional license.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, enactment of HB 2251 would increase fee fund expenditures by \$282,681 in FY 2026 and \$262,681 in future years. The fiscal effect on revenues would be negligible. The agency states there is currently no provisional licensure under their authority, and a new license type would need to be created, requiring significant IT system changes and upgrades. The agency anticipates the need for 1.00 Medical Licensing Analyst position to make determinations of the substantial equivalency standard required by the bill. An additional 1.0 Licensing Analyst position (non-medical) would be needed to track the progress of those holding provisional licenses. The agency estimates \$262,618 would be needed for the salary and benefits for these positions as the substantial equivalency determinations would require extensive knowledge and experience. The positions would also each require \$10,000 for one-time start-up costs such as computers, software licenses, office furniture,

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and equipment. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2251 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts