

February 16, 2025

The Honorable David Buehler, Chairperson  
House Committee on Social Services Budget  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 152-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Buehler:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2314 by House Committee on Social Services Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2314 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2314 would create a new category of health occupational credentialing that is billable under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for peer supports. The bill would establish new certification standards for peer support specialists in Kansas healthcare services. Under the direction of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), the legislation would create a two-tier system for peer support specialists. Level one specialists could provide up to 30 billable hours per week, while level two specialists could work up to 40 billable hours per week.

The bill would include specific training requirements, with level two specialist training sessions limited to eight per year and capped at 50 participants for in-person sessions. However, virtual training sessions could accommodate an unlimited number of participants. The bill would also set a general limit of 300 service hours per year per person receiving peer support services, though this could be exceeded with prior authorization from the individual's managed care organization.

Mandatory background checks would be required for the certification. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) would conduct criminal history checks on all applicants, and additional checks could be performed against state registers of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. These background checks would be used to determine qualification for certification, with provisions protecting KDADS and contracting agencies from civil damages for certification denials made in good faith based on background check results.

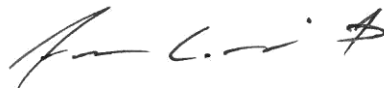
The bill would allow certified peer support specialists to provide services remotely regarding telehealth services. The bill would also direct the Secretary of Health and Environment to pursue necessary approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure these telehealth services would be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

KDADS indicates that enactment of HB 2314 would increase expenditures for FY 2026 by \$1.1 million and by \$672,385 beginning in FY 2027, all from the State General Fund. Currently, one name-based criminal record check has a fee of \$7.00 per person per run from the KBI (approximately 155) for an estimated cost of \$1,085 annually. The creation of this new category would require a database in which information for certification could be stored with a one-time cost of approximately \$500,000 and \$100,000 annually for maintenance.

KDADS states that because of the creation of a new credentialing category, the agency would need an additional 6.00 positions. These positions would include 2.00 criminal record check program specialists, 1.00 certification administrator, 1.00 education administrator and coordinator, 1.00 legal aid, and 1.00 attorney at a total cost of \$562,500 in FY 2026 and \$571,287 in FY 2027. The increase in salaries is primarily related to the agency adding a 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment for FY 2027.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the agency is unable to provide a fiscal effect for enactment of HB 2314 until the agency receives guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The KBI indicates that enactment of HB 2314 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2314 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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