

February 7, 2025

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:

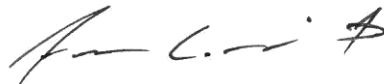
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 126 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 126 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 126 would enact the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact. The purpose of the compact would be to strengthen access to medical services. The bill would make definitions and list requirements for participating states, as well as requirements and privileges for licensees. The bill would establish a Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission and detail the powers and responsibilities of the Commission. The bill would specify all other requirements and operations related to participation in the Compact.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, enactment of SB 126 would increase agency fee fund expenditures by \$65,500 beginning in FY 2025, which would include \$55,000 for 1.00 licensing staff position. The agency also estimates \$8,000 to \$10,000 for office and computer expenses. Most of the expenses would be ongoing. The agency reports this position would be necessary as the bill includes new requirements for the agency with set timelines for completion of tasks. The agency reports they have absorbed costs for similar requirements in the past but are now at capacity and cannot continue to do so. The agency stated physician assistants that participate in the compact would continue to pay a state fee for their license but there is no mechanism to measure the number of licensees that would utilize the Compact for a Kansas license. The Compact would allow for the Compact Commission to levy fees for participating states; however, the agency notes the Compact would be new and not fully active at this time so it is unclear if states would be charged and what the fee would be. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 126 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts