

January 22, 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 31 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

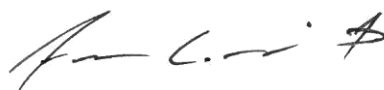
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 31 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 31 would require treating dentists to provide patients with certain basic information as specified in the bill about the dentist and the dental practice ownership upon request by a patient. If this information was not provided when requested, the dentist would be subject to disciplinary action by the Kansas Dental Board. The bill would remove the current requirement for dentists to be personally present in their office operating as a dentist or personally overseeing such operations that are performed in the office or each of the offices at least 20.0 percent of the time patients are being treated in the office or each of the offices. In addition, provisions allowing exceptions to this requirement would also be removed.

SB 31 would also allow the Board to take disciplinary action against any applicant or licensee if they directed or pressured another dentist who is an employee, associate, or subordinate to perform dentistry that failed to adhere to the applicable standard of dental care or that violates the Act. The bill would prohibit dentists and contracts for dental services from requiring a patient to sign an agreement that attempts to limit the patient's ability to file a complaint with the Board.

The Kansas Dental Board reports that enactment of SB 31 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Charity Carlat, Kansas Dental Board