

February 16, 2011

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 552-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 195 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 195 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 195 would require the Board of Healing Arts to license acupuncturists. The bill outlines the requirements for licensure as an acupuncturist by the Board of Healing Arts. In addition, the bill sets the limit on the amount of each fee related to the licensure of acupuncturists that the Board of Healing Arts is permitted to charge. SB 195 establishes an Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Council to assist the Board in implementing this bill. The bill details the membership of the Council and specifies the Council's responsibilities.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2011 SGF	FY 2011 All Funds	FY 2012 SGF	FY 2012 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$23,500
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Board of Healing Arts states that the passage of SB 195 would have a fiscal effect on its operations. Implementation of the bill would require the Board to train licensing staff on the licensing of acupuncturists, as well as draft and implement rules and regulations concerning the licensure of acupuncturists. Substantial changes would need to be made to the Board's electronic database and on-line renewal system. The Board of Healing Arts estimates that implementation of SB 195 would cost the Board \$23,500 in FY 2012. The breakdown of costs is estimated as follows:

- Publication costs to post notices of public hearings for an estimated 15 proposed regulations and the publication costs required to post the adopted regulations. It is

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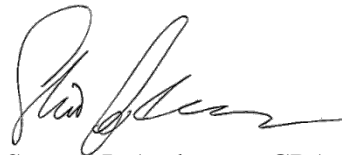
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estimated that 15 regulations each published twice at a cost of \$150 per publication would cost a total of \$4,500 for FY 2012.

- Costs to create applications, forms, booklets, and other affected on-line or agency website items are estimated at \$1,000 for FY 2012.
- Annual travel expenses for a five-member Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Council to attend Council meetings. It is estimated that expenditures of \$6,000 would be necessary for FY 2012.
- Expenses related to the addition of the new license designation to the Board's electronic database and on-line renewal system are estimated at approximately \$12,000 for FY 2012.

Because the Board would only be licensing and regulating those acupuncturists who are not already licensed by the Board of Healing Arts or another regulatory board, the Board states that it anticipates there would be approximately 25 new acupuncture licenses issued if SB 195 is passed. Based on this estimate, the Board indicates that receipts to the Healing Arts Fee Fund would increase by approximately \$7,500 in FY 2013. Since licensure begins on or after July 1, 2012, there would be no increase in revenue to the Board in FY 2012. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 195 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Healing Arts