

February 19, 2014

The Honorable David Crum, Chairperson  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Statehouse, Room 512-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Crum:

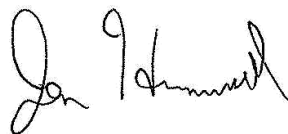
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2609 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2609 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2609 would amend the definition of the practice of pharmacy to clarify that a pharmacist can enter into a collaborative agreement with a physician related to drug therapy management. The bill would also clarify that if a doctor wants a prescription to be dispensed as written an electronic prescription must include that designation. Otherwise, the pharmacist would be authorized to substitute with a generic if achieving a lesser cost to the patient. The bill would remove language related to the expiration of prescriptions which conflicts with another statute.

The Board of Pharmacy indicates that HB 2609 would have no fiscal effect on its operations.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,  
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Debra Billingsley, Board of Pharmacy