

March 12, 2013

The Honorable Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
Statehouse, Room 441-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pilcher-Cook:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 210 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

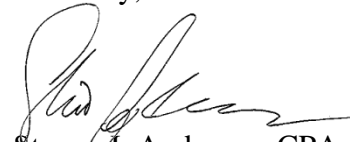
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 210 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 210 would move the responsibilities of the Kansas Health Information Exchange, Inc. (KHIE) into the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). KHIE is a public/private partnership not-for-profit organization charged with facilitating health information exchange (HIE) in the state. The bill would also make technical adjustments to a number of provisions and change or remove definitions that have been determined to be unnecessary or in need of a change by KHIE and its partners as the HIE market has continued to develop both locally and nationally.

Additionally, SB 210 would create the Advisory Council on Health Information Technology to replace the KHIE Board as a consultative body for the Secretary of KDHE and the State Health Information Technology Coordinator. The Council would be consulted on making new policy, changes to existing policy, or any other necessary action to assure that HIE occurs in Kansas and that patient information is adequately protected in the exchange of this information.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that the costs and duties of administering the Council and associated activities would be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,



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