

February 28, 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 217 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 217 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 217 would allow a qualified provider who is licensed with the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board under another profession to treat substance use disorders without also being licensed as an addiction counselor or clinical addiction counselor. A qualified provider would be allowed to treat substance use disorders in a treatment facility or private practice and be reimbursement based on rates for services provide under the Medicaid program, Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act. The bill provides a definition for qualified provider.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2013 SGF	FY 2013 All Funds	FY 2014 SGF	FY 2014 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	(\$8,410)	(\$84,100)
Expenditure	--	--	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates that it currently licenses 218 people as licensed addiction counselors (LACs) and 402 people as licensed clinical addiction counselors (LCACs), all of whom are licensed under another profession. Those licensed as LACs pay a biennial renewal fee to the Board of \$100 and LCACs pay a biennial renewal fee of \$150. If dual licensure was no longer required for these individuals, as provided in SB 217, the Board estimates revenues to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board Fee Fund would decrease by

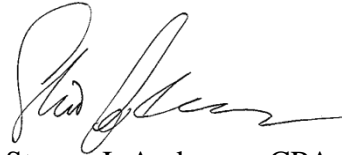
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\$84,100 in FY 2014 and every two years, of which 10.0 percent or \$8,410 would no longer be remitted to the State General Fund. The estimate includes a reduction of \$60,300 for LCACs (402 x \$150); \$21,800 for LACs (218 x \$100); and \$2,000 for approximately 20 licensees seeking dual licensure who would apply for a fee of \$100. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 217 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Tom Hawk, Behavioral Sciences  
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