

January 30, 2015

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2118 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2118 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2118 would amend current law regarding podiatrists who are regulated by the State Board of Healing Arts. The bill would allow a podiatrist to perform ankle surgery in the following circumstances:

1. The podiatrist has completed a three-year, post-doctoral surgical residency program in foot and ankle surgery; or,
2. The podiatrist is either Board certified or Board qualified progressing to full Board certification in foot and ankle surgery by a nationally recognized certifying organization acceptable to the Board.

The State Board of Healing Arts indicates the passage of HB 2118 could have a fiscal effect should the Board experience additional complaints or perform additional investigations. The fiscal effect could include additional FTE positions as well as increased operational expenditures. The Board, however, is unable to estimate the effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2118 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts