

February 9, 2016

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 2599 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2599 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2599 would amend the Healing Arts Act. New language would allow for billing of anatomic pathology services by a physician providing services to a patient pursuant to a medical retainer agreement. The billing would be required to identify the laboratory or physician that performed the services, disclose in writing to the patient the actual amount charged by the physician or laboratory that performed the service, and be consistent with rules and regulations that would be adopted by the Board of Healing Arts for appropriate billing standards applicable to such services when furnished under the agreement.

Although implementation of the bill would increase responsibilities and workload for certain staff of the Board of Healing Arts, the agency states that HB 2599 would have no dollar effect on the budget and could be implemented within the current approved staffing and operating expenditure levels.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts