

February 10, 2015

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 141 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 141 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 141 would allow podiatrists who are licensed by the Board of Healing Arts to delegate authority to perform acts that constitute the practice of podiatry to licensed physician assistants and licensed advanced practice registered nurses that are licensed by the Board of Nursing. The bill would require the Board of Healing Arts to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the bill. SB 141 would also amend the definition of “responsible physician” in the Nursing Act to include “a person licensed to practice podiatry” and the definition of “physician” in the Physician Assistant Act to include “any person licensed by the Board of Healing Arts to practice podiatry.”

The Board of Healing Arts indicates that the passage of SB 141 would result in increased complaints, investigations, and caseload activity and would therefore require an increase in FTE positions and operating expenditures. The table below shows the breakdown for the additional cost of \$167,423 and 2.00 FTE positions.

1.00 FTE Assistant General Counsel	68,500
1.00 FTE Legal Assistant Position	<u>49,555</u>
Subtotal Salaries & Wages	\$118,055
Office Furniture and Equipment @ \$8,000 per person	16,000
Telephone, e-mail, and Internet Lines @ \$160 per month X 12	1,920
Office Space of 200 sq. ft. @ \$12.50 per sq. ft. per month	30,000
Publication Costs and booklet updates	<u>1,448</u>
Total	\$167,423

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The Division of the Budget considers the fiscal estimate prepared by the Board of Healing Arts to be excessive. Although it is understandable that the agency would want to be prepared for the implementation of SB 141, it appears that the estimate includes more FTE positions and operating expenditures than would be necessary.

The Board of Nursing states that the passage of SB 141 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 141 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts
Mary Blubaugh, Board of Nursing