

January 28, 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 69 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 69 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 69 would amend current law regarding Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) who are licensed by the Board of Nursing. The bill would allow APRNs to prescribe drugs without protocol and would remove the requirement of a collaborative agreement with a physician. The bill would also require APRNs to carry malpractice insurance. SB 69 would cause changes to other practice acts, such as the Pharmacy Act.

The Board of Nursing indicates that the only cost for the agency would be to revise regulations which would be done within existing resources. The bill would have a fiscal effect for APRNs who would have to purchase malpractice insurance. Currently, malpractice insurance coverage is not mandatory.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Blubaugh, Nursing