

February 15, 2017

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 2149 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2149 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2149 would create a Social Work Examining Committee within the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. The Examining Committee would consist of seven members appointed by the Governor, including five members who must be licensed to practice social work and two members representing the public. Each term would be limited to four years, and no member could serve more than two consecutive terms. The number of board members on the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board would be reduced from 12 to ten. The Board would serve as the administrative and enforcement agency of the Examining Committee and would perform certain services and duties as it may be legally called upon to perform. HB 2149 would provide that all rules and regulations relating to the practice of social work in existence prior to the enactment of these provisions would continue to be effective until revised, amended, revoked, or nullified by the Examining Committee. The bill specifies powers, duties and functions that would be given to the Social Work Examining Committee. The bill would replace certain references to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board with references to the Social Work Examining Committee where appropriate in statute.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	\$10,076	--	\$5,076
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board estimates the enactment of HB 2149 would increase expenditures from the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board Fee Fund by \$10,076 in FY 2018 and \$5,076 in FY 2019 for subsistence and mileage that would be paid to members of the Social Work Examining Committee for attending regular meetings, plus one-time costs in FY 2018 for iPads that would be furnished to members of the Examining Committee. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2149 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 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: Max Foster, Behavioral Sciences
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