

February 14, 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 2253 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2253 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2253 would require all students enrolled in public schools or accredited nonpublic schools to be provided a scoliosis screening without charge. The screening would be provided to boys once in the sixth grade and once in the eighth grade, and girls would be screened once in the fifth grade and once in the seventh grade. The screenings would be provided by the board of education in the school district that the student resides and is enrolled. All screenings would be required to be performed by a trained person who is competent in the use of a scoliometer or a scoliometer smartphone application.

For students in accredited nonpublic schools, either the board of education of the nonpublic school where the student is enrolled or the board of education of the school district where the student resides would provide the screening, depending on the choice of the parent. However, no board of education would be required to provide screenings outside the geographical boundaries of its school district.

Enactment of HB 2253 would have no fiscal effect on the state, as the bill would not affect state aid to school districts. Any costs associated with the scoliosis screening would either be borne by the local public boards of education or the boards of education of nonpublic schools.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dale Dennis, Education