

February 16, 2017

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 154 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 154 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 154 would amend the definition of a “home health aide” and would require any agency that provides one or more home health services or is considered a home health agency to be licensed by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). Currently, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is the lead agency for administration and licensure of home health agencies and promulgates regulations and standards for compliance. The bill would also authorize temporary license options for home health agencies that are applying for full licensure. SB 154 would give KDADS the option of imposing fines if an agency fails to obtain licensure within the timeframe specified as part of the application process. KDADS would not be permitted to grant a temporary license to any unlicensed agency that is providing services in a way that poses imminent harm to the public.

The enactment of SB 154 would require KDADS and KDHE to amend current rules and regulations, and the cost of amending those regulations would be negligible.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
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