

February 20, 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 197 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 197 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 197 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. SB 197 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.	--	--	--	--

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The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board estimates the enactment of SB 197 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 SB 197 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