

February 13, 2019

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

Dear Senator Suellentrop:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 144 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 144 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 144 would authorize healthcare providers to prescribe drugs to a patient's sexual partner, without examination, if the patient has been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. The bill would also create a liability waiver for prescribers and pharmacists, so long as prescribing and dispensing is done in good faith compliance with legislation.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates that enactment of SB 144 would not have a fiscal effect. The Board of Healing Arts indicates that the bill could increase responsibilities and workload for investigative, disciplinary litigation and administrative staff of the Board, but it is unable to estimate the precise fiscal effect of the bill. The Board of Pharmacy indicates that there could be additional staff time for inspections and investigations to ensure compliance with state law, but it is unable to estimate the precise fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 144 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy
Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Beth Visocky, Board of Healing Arts