

February 8, 2021

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 445A-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 121 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

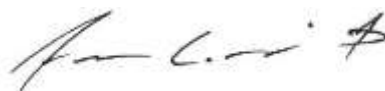
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 121 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 121 would make amendments to the Kansas Dental Practices Act. The bill would allow the Kansas Dental Board to take disciplinary action against a dental licensee for failing to perform an examination of a patient prior to diagnosing and correcting malpositions of human teeth or initial use of orthodontic appliances. The examination would need to include a review of the patients most recent diagnostic radiographs. The treating dentist would need to order new radiographs unless the patient has had radiographs performed with the previous six months.

The bill would require licensed dentists who are providing dental services outside a dental office to provide patients with the dentist's contact information and, upon request, the dentist's license information. The bill would prohibit a dentist or dentist services contract to require a patient to sign an agreement that attempts to limit the patient's ability to file a complaint with the Kansas Dental Board.

The Kansas Dental Board indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on regular Board operations. If enforcement of the provisions of SB 121 would result in litigation, the Board would incur costs for outside legal counsel. However, the costs are unknown.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Charity Carlat, Dental Board