

March 10, 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 207 by Senator Steffen

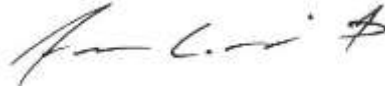
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 207 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 207 would allow a physician holding a license issued by another state to practice telemedicine to treat patients located in Kansas if the out-of-state physician receives a declaration from the State Board of Healing Arts that they are qualified to practice telemedicine. The Board could also extend the provision to other healthcare professionals licensed and regulated by the Board as deemed necessary to address impacts of emergency conditions described in a state of disaster emergency declaration or a state of local disaster emergency declaration. An out-of-state physician could only practice telemedicine in a county during a state disaster of emergency declaration or a state of local disaster emergency declaration if the county has adopted a resolution for the need for out-of-state telemedicine physicians to meet the health needs of the county. A county would be allowed to adopt a resolution for the need of physicians in a particular practice or specialty, and the resolution would describe those practices or specialties needed and the time frames those physicians would be allowed to practice telemedicine in the county.

The Board of Healing Arts state that the bill could have a negligible fiscal effect that could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 207 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties notes that the bill would have a negligible effect on counties; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The League of Municipalities indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Bobbi Mariani, Insurance
Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Jeff Scannell, Department of Administration
Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities