

February 16, 2024

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 496 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 496 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

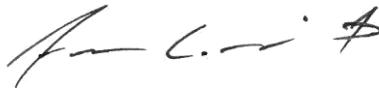
SB 496 would expand the scope of practice for naturopathic doctors. These doctors would be allowed to prescribe, recommend, administer, and dispense drugs and substances, including controlled substances, and durable medical equipment as outlined in the bill. The bill would also detail other treatments allowed by naturopathic doctors, as well as education, training, insurance, and licensing requirements. Additionally, the bill would eliminate the requirement for a written protocol between naturopathic doctors and individuals licensed to practice medicine and surgery and the requirement to provide notice of the relationship to the Board of Healing Arts.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, enactment of SB 496 would increase reports and complaints of practitioners received by the agency, resulting in an increase in the number of investigations and disciplinary cases. While this would increase related operational costs, the agency was unable to estimate the total fiscal estimate.

The Kansas Board of Pharmacy reports that the bill does not contemplate revenue for any fund. Costs to the agency would come from the Pharmacy Fee Fund and would be in the form of staff time and resources for inspections and investigations to ensure compliance with state law. Enactment of the bill would also likely result in an increase in the number of complaints and pharmacy practice questions received and fielded by the agency, which is consistent with changes to Advance Practice Registered Nurse practice in Kansas in recent years. The agency anticipates

that any related fiscal effect could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 496 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "P" at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts  
Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy