

March 6, 2024

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2670 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

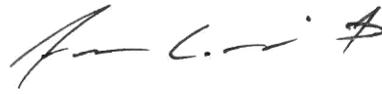
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2670 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2670 would require the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to develop and publish on its website an educational pamphlet regarding the use of nonopioid alternatives for the treatment of acute, subacute, and chronic pain. The information in the pamphlet would be required to conform to the most current clinical practice guidelines for prescribing opioids for pain issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The bill would include requirements for the information to be contained in the pamphlet before January 1, 2025, and every two years thereafter, the agency would be required to distribute the most updated version of the pamphlet to local public health agencies in Kansas and associations representing federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, community mental health centers, and certified community behavioral health clinics in Kansas.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, enactment of HB 2670 would increase expenditures by \$220,000 from the State General Fund beginning in FY 2025 and would be ongoing. The agency estimates a 0.50 FTE Program Manager position, and a 0.50 FTE Epidemiologist position, would be necessary to fulfill requirements of the bill. This would include facilitating the convening of an advisory committee or workgroup to develop, review, and update educational information regarding the use of nonopioids. Additionally, the new positions would be responsible for coordinating and supporting physician educational opportunities through the development and delivery of a Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) series designed to educate physicians and other medical professionals on the management of acute, subacute, and chronic pain, including the use of nonopioid alternatives for pain management. Staff

would also support the development of educational pamphlets and their distribution via web and print, as well as supporting the evaluation of program effectiveness by supporting data collection and interpretation. Total salary and benefits for both positions is estimated at \$97,509. Contracts with the University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute for the Project ECHO series are estimated at \$60,500. The agency also estimates \$61,991 for office supplies, computer software and equipment, training, and other office costs such as printing and postage. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2670 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment