

March 17, 2025

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

Dear Representative Carpenter:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2361 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2361 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

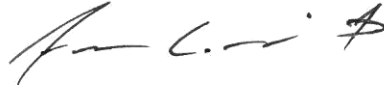
HB 2361 would abolish the Nursing Service Scholarship Program and would create the Kansas Healthcare Service Scholarship Program. The new program would expand eligibility to include part-time students and students enrolled in allied health and health science programs. The bill would redesignate the Nursing Service Scholarship Fund as the Kansas Healthcare Service Scholarship Fund.

The Board of Regents indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures for scholarship awards and for staff time to administer the scholarship. The Board indicates by making part-time students eligible and by adding other health science programs for the scholarship, it would result in an increase of potential students. According to the Board, the agency would either need additional funding for the scholarship or the Board states it would be unable to award scholarships to all qualifying students. However, the Board cannot estimate the exact amount of additional funding that would be needed because the number of additional qualifying students that would apply cannot be estimated. The Board of Regents estimates additional State General Fund expenditures totaling \$80,000 in FY 2026 and \$82,000 in FY 2027 for an additional FTE position which would be needed to administer the changes in the scholarship. Of the FY 2026 amount, \$72,000 would be for salaries and wages and \$8,000 would be for other operating expenditures.

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Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2361 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents