



February 14, 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 2368 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2368 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

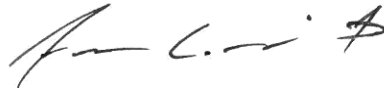
HB 2368 would enact the Anesthesiologist Assistant Licensure Act, which would add the regulation and licensure of anesthesiologist assistants (AAs) under the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. The bill would make related definitions, create license types, specify requirements and restrictions for licenses and licensees, and set maximum fees for licensure. The bill would also include provisions related to violations of the Act. The Board would be authorized to adopt rules and regulations as necessary to implement the Act. The Anesthesiologist Assistant Council would be established as detailed in the bill to advise the Board in carrying out the provisions of the Act.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, it is estimated that enactment of HB 2368 would increase fee fund expenditures by \$212,151 in FY 2026 and by \$194,151 in future years. The bill would require the agency to create new license types and promulgate all related rules and regulations. There would also be required updates to the licensing system. The agency states that enactment of the bill would require 2.00 additional positions as there would be a significant increase in workload and current staff are at capacity. The estimated expenditures would include salary and benefits totaling \$71,023 for a Licensing Analyst and \$123,128 for an Associate General Counsel. Both positions would also require one time administrative expenditures of \$9,000 each for computer, software, furniture, and other start-up costs. The agency anticipates fees from the new licensees would increase revenues by \$22,500 each year. While the agency has no mechanism to determine how many AAs would request licensure, the estimate is

based on the total licensees seen in Missouri (150) and assumes a \$150 licensure fee (the bill sets the max at \$200).

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2368 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it would create a new crime and authorizes civil actions for violations. This could result in more time spent by judicial and nonjudicial personnel processing, researching, and hearing these cases. Since the new crime carries a class B misdemeanor penalty, there could also be more supervision of offenders required by Court Services Officers. The Office estimates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees and fines assessed in those cases filed under the bill's provisions, which would be deposited to the State General Fund. The bill would not affect other revenues to the Judicial Branch. However, a total fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2368 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: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary