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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2392 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2392 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2392 would require nursing school faculty to possess a nursing or medical degree that would be at least one level higher than the degree awarded by the program they teach in and prohibit requiring additional or more advanced credentials beyond this minimum qualification. Schools would be required to apply to the Kansas Board of Nursing for approval and demonstrate they meet the standards prescribed by law and the Board's regulations. Approval periods would not exceed ten years, after which schools would apply for renewal. Schools would also submit annual fees to maintain their approval status.

The bill would outline specific requirements for both professional nursing schools and practical nursing schools. The bill would also address continuing nursing education providers by establishing approval processes for both long-term providers and single-offering providers. Additionally, the bill would include criteria for evaluating out-of-state nursing schools and the acceptance of nationally accredited nursing schools, which could receive approval for up to ten years based on their accreditation status.

The Kansas Board of Nursing indicates that enactment of HB 2392 would have a negligible fiscal effect on the Board. The Kansas Board of Regents indicates that enactment of HB 2392 would not have a fiscal effect on the Board. The Board states that the bill could affect the

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universities, but the fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2392 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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