

February 11, 2026

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 2532 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2532 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

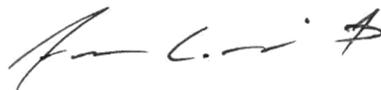
HB 2532 would allow the Board of Nursing to establish an impaired provider program. The program would be required to be made available, upon the discretion of the Board, to certain applicants, including a licensed applicant who admits to substance use, self-refers, or tests positive in a drug or alcohol screening. The bill would require the program to last a minimum of one year and include certain interventions at the participant's expense. The bill outlines procedures the Board would be required to follow regarding enrollment and completion of the program and allow the Board to expend funds to operate the program. The bill would limit the liability of the program against damages and would require information collected in the program to not be subject to the Kansas Open Records Act. The bill specifies that the Board of Nursing could revoke a license issued to a person who does not renew the license while an investigation or charges are pending or anticipated that involve an alleged misconduct violation of any provision of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act or any rules or regulations adopted by the Board.

The bill would require each licensee to notify the Board in writing of a change in contact information, including email, phone number or mailing address within 30 days of the change. The bill would add certain violations that would allow the Board to deny, revoke, limit, or suspend any license to practice nursing, including practicing without a license, cheating on certain exams, or failing to comply with any order of the Board. The bill would establish a civil fine of up to \$2,000 for the first violation of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act, \$3,000 for the second violation, and \$5,000 for third and subsequent violations, which would be deposited into the State General Fund. The

bill would allow the Board to defer disciplinary or other actions against an impaired licensee who enrolls in the program. The bill lists factors the Board could consider in determining whether to reinstate a revoked license after an applicant has demonstrated rehabilitation.

The Board of Nursing indicates enactment of the bill would not increase expenditures or revenues for the agency. Any expenditures to comply with the provisions of the bill, such as communicating with licensees and revising regulations, would be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2532 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 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: Jill Simons, Board of Nursing