

January 30, 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 2534 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2534 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2534 would establish the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact. The purpose of the Compact would be to facilitate the interstate practice of respiratory therapy with the goal of improving public access. The bill would make definitions, outline requirements and procedures, and detail privileges of membership in the Compact. A member state where a licensee is licensed would be granted authority to impose adverse action against the license issued by that state.

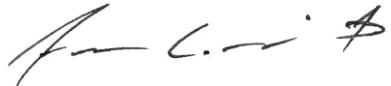
HB 2534 would also create the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact Commission, which would be an instrumentality of the compact states. The bill would outline all requirements, duties, powers, and responsibilities of the Commission. The bill would require the Commission to provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and the presence of significant investigative information. The bill would also contain provisions relating to the effect of the Compact and the interoperability with other laws.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, enactment of HB 2534 would increase fee fund expenditures by \$65,500 and require the addition of 1.00 Licensing Analyst position in FY 2027. The agency would need \$55,500 for the salary and benefits for the new position, as well as one-time costs for computer and office setup needs. The position and the related salary and wages would be ongoing in future years. The agency anticipates some additional

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revenue related to an increase in respiratory therapists who would qualify for privileges under the Compact. However, the agency states there is no mechanism to estimate the new revenue. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2534 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts