

February 19, 2026

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 464 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 464 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 464 would enact the Anesthesiologist Assistant Licensure Act. The bill would make related definitions and establish qualifications for licensure for anesthesiologist assistants under the Act. The bill would include specifications for active licenses, inactive licenses, licenses by endorsement, and temporary licenses. A license by endorsement would be allowed for those who had been in active practice in another state, territory, or country and allow licensure without examination if all requirements were met. The bill would specify activities allowed and prohibited by licensed assistants and would detail continuing education requirements after licensure.

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts would be required to oversee licensure pursuant to the Act and adopt necessary rules and regulations. The bill would set statutory maximums for fees, which would be deposited in the Healing Arts Fee Fund administered by the Board. The Board would be authorized to require applicants or licensees to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history check. The Board could fix and collect a fee to cover related expenses. SB 464 would detail instances and procedures related to when a license could be revoked, suspended, or limited or other limitations that could be placed on a licensee. It would be unlawful for individuals not licensed under the Act (or with a revoked or suspended license) to engage in practice as an anesthesiologist assistant and violations of the Act would be a class B misdemeanor. The bill would also create the Anesthesiologist Assistant Council and detail its membership and duties, which would include advising the Board in carrying out provisions of the Act.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, enactment of SB 464 would increase fee fund expenditures by \$212,151 in FY 2027 and \$194,151 in FY 2028 and future years. The agency reports that requirements of the bill would create significant additional workload for staff already working at capacity. To implement the Act, the agency would need 2.00 additional positions. This would include a Licensing Analyst with salary and benefits totaling \$71,023 and an Associate General Counsel with salary and benefits totaling \$123,128. The positions would also each have one-time startup costs of \$9,000 for computers, software, furniture, and other necessary work equipment. Based on the experience for this type of licensure in Missouri and a licensure fee of \$150, the agency estimates \$22,500 per year in fee fund revenue.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of SB 464 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it would create a new crime and would allow the State Board of Healing Arts to file a court action against an individual 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 supervision fees to be deposited in the Correctional Supervision Fund, as well as 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.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation states that the bill would include anesthesiologist assistants to those who would be required to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history check. Any additional revenue received for these history checks would be offset by expenditures for staffing and maintenance of the required systems necessary for the dissemination of criminal history record information. The Office of Administrative Hearings anticipates that any additional cases and workload related to enactment of the bill would be handled within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 464 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
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