

February 7, 2011

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 552-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 76 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 76 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 76 would permit physical therapists and physical therapist assistants licensed by the Board of Healing Arts to use any letters, words, abbreviations, or other insignia in conjunction with their names to designate any educational degrees, certifications, or credentials that they have earned.

The Board of Healing Arts indicates that the passage of SB 76 could have a fiscal effect on the agency. Reports or complaints of practitioners who are not complying with the bill could increase the number of investigations that would need to be performed by Board staff and could also increase the number of disciplinary hearings conducted by the Board. However, an estimate of the increase in investigations and disciplinary hearings that would result from implementation of this bill cannot be made. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. The Board of Healing Arts states that if investigations and caseloads do not increase substantially, SB 76 could be implemented within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 76 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Cathy Brown, Healing Arts