

February 7, 2017

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2221 by Representative Ward

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2221 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2221 would repeal the Health Care Compact. The Compact would take effect upon its adoption by at least two member states and consent of the United States Congress. The fundamental purposes of the Compact are to secure the right of the member states to regulate health care in their respective states and to suspend the operation of any conflicting federal laws, rules, regulations and orders within their states, and to secure federal funding for member states that choose to invoke their authority under the Compact. The Compact establishes the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission. Each member state could appoint no more than two members and each member would have one vote. The Commission could not act unless it was approved by a majority of the Commission's total membership. The Commission would meet at least once per year, with no set maximum number of meetings. The Commission could make non-binding recommendations to member states for their legislatures to consider.

The United States Congress has not consented to the creation of the Health Care Compact; therefore repealing the statute that approved it for Kansas would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General