

February 13, 2019

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 352-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2198 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2198 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2198 would authorize healthcare providers to prescribe drugs to a patient's sexual partner, without examination, if the patient has been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. The bill would also create a liability waiver for prescribers and pharmacists, so long as prescribing and dispensing is done in good faith compliance with legislation.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates that enactment of HB 2198 would not have a fiscal effect. The Board of Healing Arts indicates that the bill could increase responsibilities and workload for investigative, disciplinary litigation and administrative staff of the Board, but it is unable to estimate the precise fiscal effect of the bill. The Board of Pharmacy indicates that there could be additional staff time for inspections and investigations to ensure compliance with state law, but it is unable to estimate the precise fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2198 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy
Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
Beth Visocsky, Board of Healing Arts