

March 6, 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 2227 by House Committee on Children and Seniors

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2227 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2227 would prohibit the use of conversion therapy with an individual under 18 years of age by any licensee of the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board or the Board of Healing Arts. Any practice of conversion therapy by a person licensed by either Board with an individual under the age of 18 would constitute unprofessional conduct, subject to discipline by the respective Board. This Act would not apply to any religious leader or official of any religious denomination when performing counseling services as part of such leader's or official's religious duties.

HB 2227 defines conversion therapy as any practice or treatment that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender. The bill clarifies that conversion therapy does not include counseling that: provides assistance to an individual undergoing gender transition; provides acceptance, support and understanding to an individual; or facilitates an individual's coping, social support and identity exploration and development, including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, so long as such counseling does not seek to change the individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board indicates the enactment of HB 2227 would have no fiscal effect on revenues or expenditures. The Board of Healings Arts indicates there may be long-range fiscal effects associated with HB 2227, but there is no way of predicting or determining the cost at this time.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Max Foster, Behavioral Sciences  
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