

March 19, 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 2339 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2339 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2339 would update the Naturopathic Doctor Licensure Act. The bill would expand naturopathic doctors' scope of practice to include ordering diagnostic imaging studies, prescribing drugs and medical devices, and performing minor office procedures. The bill would designate naturopathic doctors as mid-level practitioners.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds	FY 2020 SGF	FY 2020 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	--	\$181,860
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	3.00

The Kansas Board of Healing Arts states that the bill would require the agency to research and draft new rules and regulations. The Board further states that enactment of HB 2339 would result in additional reports and complaints regarding practitioners alleged to have violated the law. In order to conduct the resulting investigations and disciplinary actions, an additional 3.00 FTE positions would be required including 1.00 FTE Legal Assistant position, 1.00 FTE Investigator position, and 1.00 FTE Senior Administrative Assistant position. The Board estimates annual salary expenditures for the new positions of \$155,000. Annual additional operating costs for

phone, email, and internet access are estimated at \$3,600. One-time costs in FY 2020 of \$21,000 for furniture and equipment, \$1,260 for public hearing and publication costs, and \$1,000 for creating applications and forms would also be required. The total estimated cost for implementation of the bill would be \$181,860 in FY 2020 and \$158,600 in subsequent years. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2339 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. L. Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Beth Visocsy, Board of Healing Arts