

February 27, 2020

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

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2570 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2570 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2570 would limit prescribers from prescribing a schedule II, III, or IV opioid for initial treatment of acute pain in a quantity that exceeds a seven-day supply and would prohibit refills for such prescriptions. For treatment of acute pain, a subsequent subscription for the same medication could be filled during the same month. Prescriptions for substance use disorder would be exempt from the prescribing limitation. The bill would provide protection for pharmacists for refusing to dispense in accordance with the limitation. The bill would require prescribers to complete any necessary prior authorization steps and would create a Medicaid rule for follow-up prescriptions.

Both the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Healing Arts state that additional costs that could result from enactment of HB 2570 would be in the form of staff time and resources associated with inspections and investigations to ensure compliance with state law. However, because number of additional complaints that could occur is unknown, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2570 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment