

February 19, 2021

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 2259 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2259 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2259 would authorize healthcare workers to provide expedited partner therapy to patients who have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. Healthcare providers and pharmacists would not be liable for civil damages or subject to disciplinary actions by the State Board of Healing Arts, the Board of Nursing or the State Board of Pharmacy resulting from any act or omission in good faith compliance with the provisions of the bill. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment would be responsible for developing and providing written materials containing information on expedited partner therapy and related health matters. The Department would also be responsible for adopting the necessary rules and regulations.

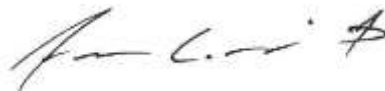
Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	\$3,410	--	--
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Board of Nursing estimates the bill would require one-time expenditures of \$3,410 from the Board of Nursing Fee Fund in FY 2021 to mail notifications to licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses prior to the bill's effective date of July 1, 2021.

The Board of Healing Arts and the Board of Pharmacy are unable to estimate the respective additional workloads that may result from the passage of the bill. However, the Boards indicate the fiscal effect on each agency would likely be negligible and absorbed within existing resources.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment indicates the bill could be implemented with existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2259 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Dan Thimmesh, Health & Environment  
Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts  
Jill Simons, Board of Nursing  
Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy