

February 8, 2022

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2552 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2552 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2552 would establish new requirements related to the offering of telemedicine services. The bill would require carriers to provide coverage for in-state telemedicine providers at the same reimbursement rates as those for in-person services. The bill would also establish the Kansas Telehealth Advisory Committee to establish standards for telemedicine and outline the members and duties of the Committee.

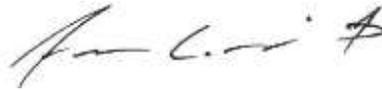
The bill would amend the definition of “distance site” to include an unlicensed or private location, amend the definition of “telemedicine” to include remote patient monitoring, and add definitions for “in-state practitioner” and “interstate telehealth practitioner.” In addition, HB 2552 would add and amend provisions on the delivery of telemedicine services. HB 2552 would take effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	\$2,000	\$16,550	\$16,550
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, and the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board report that enactment of HB 2552 would not result in a fiscal effect on operations for their agencies. The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts states that enactment of the bill would result in some increased costs, but those costs could be absorbed within normal operations.

Enactment of HB 2552 would require communication from the Kansas State Board of Nursing to licensed advanced practice registered nurses. The agency would utilize existing communication methods and estimates the one-time costs to be under \$2,000 in FY 2022. Legislative Administrative Services estimates that enactment of HB 2552 would require annual expenditures of \$16,550 beginning in FY 2023 for Legislator pay and a Committee Assistant for the Kansas Telehealth Advisory Committee. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2552 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 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: Karen Clowers, Legislative Services
Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts
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