

January 30, 2017

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 521-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2046 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2046 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2046 would establish the Anesthesiologist Assistant Licensure Act. The bill would establish the requirements for obtaining an Anesthesiologist Assistant license from the Board of Healing Arts and for annual renewal of such license. The bill would limit practicing as an anesthesiologist assistant in the State of Kansas to persons licensed as an anesthesiologist assistant in the State of Kansas. It would also create the designation of inactive license and federally active license and provide for the issuance of a temporary license. Certain providers would be exempt from the license requirement. The bill would establish the maximum fees for application and licensure. HB 2046 would limit the number of anesthesiologist assistants a responsible physician could supervise at any one time and establish other supervision requirements. The bill would establish which services that an anesthesiologist assistant would have the authority to provide and which services they would be prohibited from providing.

HB 2046 would create a five member anesthesiologist assistant advisory council to assist the Board of Healing Arts in carrying out the provisions of the act. The Board of Healing Arts would be required to draft and adopt rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this act and prescribe forms which would be used. The bill would establish grounds by which a license may be revoked, suspended, limited, censured, or an application for license or reinstatement of a license may be denied by the Board. Finally, it would give the Board jurisdiction of proceedings to take disciplinary action against any licensee practicing under the act.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2018 SGF	FY 2018 All Funds	FY 2019 SGF	FY 2019 All Funds
Revenue	--	\$8,000	--	\$9,000
Expenditure	--	\$108,484	--	\$92,224
FTE Pos.	--	2.00	--	2.00

The Board of Healing Arts states that passage of HB 2046 would add a new category of healthcare professionals for licensure and regulation which would increase the agency's revenues and expenditures. Along with the initial requirement to research and draft new rules and regulations, the Board would have an additional group to license and would receive additional reports and complaints regarding practitioners alleged to have violated components of the bill. The Board states that staff is currently at full workload capacity. The agency estimates the need for one additional legal assistant position to research and assist with drafting and implementing rules and regulations mandated by this bill and one additional licensure analyst position to handle licensure for the profession. Salary expenditures for the two additional positions are estimated at \$83,824 per year. On-going other operating expenditures for phone, email, and internet for the two additional positions are estimated at \$2,400 per year. The estimated annual travel expense for a five-member anesthesiologist assistant council to attend council meetings totals \$6,000 per year. This estimate is based on travel expenses for five council members for 12 meetings at \$100 per person, per meeting (5 X 12 X \$100). Therefore, the agency estimates additional annual expenditures of \$92,224 (\$83,824 + \$2,400 + \$6,000). For FY 2018, the agency also estimates one-time expenditures of \$16,260 for office furniture and equipment for the two new positions, publication costs to post notices of public hearing, and costs to create applications, forms, booklets and other affected on-line or agency website items. Finally, an increase in the number of investigations and disciplinary cases assigned to and performed by board staff would also proportionally increase related operational expenses such as travel, records duplication costs, court reporter and transcription fees, and expert witness fees. The Board cannot predict or estimate those costs at this time.

The Board estimates increased revenues from licensing fees. For FY 2018, it is estimated that 40 individuals would apply for licensure. With a new license fee of \$200, agency revenue would increase by \$8,000. For FY 2019, the Board estimates 15 applications for a new license and 40 license renewals. The estimate assumes the fee for license renewal would be \$150. Therefore, FY 2019 revenue is estimated to increase by \$9,000 ((15 X \$200) + (40 X \$150)) under the provisions of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2046 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Cathy Brown, Board of Healing Arts