

February 17, 2011

The Honorable Vicki Schmidt, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
Statehouse, Room 552-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Schmidt:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 192 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

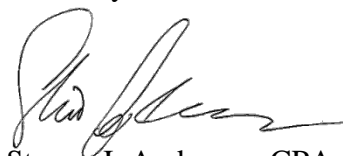
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 192 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 192 would create a new category of dental service providers called registered dental practitioners, who must be licensed by the Kansas Dental Board to practice dental therapy. All licensing requirements, regulations, and powers and duties of the Kansas Dental Board related to registered dental practitioners would be identified under the bill. Provisions establishing registered dental practitioners would go into effect on July 1, 2013.

The bill would require registered dental practitioners to pay a maximum fee of \$200 for biennial license renewals; \$150 for examinations; and \$100 for subsequent examinations. SB 192 would also expand the membership of the Board from nine to 11 members by adding two registered dental practitioners, who must be appointed by the Governor. The new members would begin service in 2015.

Enactment of SB 192 would result in additional expenditures and revenues for the Kansas Dental Board beginning in FY 2014. Expanding Board membership would increase salaries and wages costs for the new members. Currently, Board members receive a salary of \$35 per day. The total costs would depend on the number of days worked and any paid fringe benefits. The new fees for dental practitioners would also increase Dental Board Fee Fund revenue; however, it is not known how many practitioner licensees would register, a precise estimate cannot be determined. The Board estimates the number of practitioners would be low.

Sincerely,



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cc: Betty Wright, Dental Board  
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