

February 17, 2014

The Honorable David Crum, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 512-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Crum:

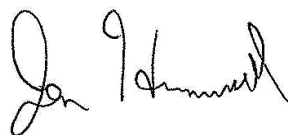
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2685 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2685 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2685 would amend the Nurse Practice Act to allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) to prescribe drugs without protocol and would remove the requirement of a collaborative agreement with a physician. The program of transition to full practice APRN must be completed within two years and include 2,000 hours. The bill would allow APRNs to plan and execute a healthcare plan, to provide counseling, to serve as a primary care provider, and to lead a health care team. The bill would also require an APRN to carry malpractice insurance.

The Board of Nursing indicates that passage of the bill would require the revision of regulations, but the cost of these revisions would be negligible. The cost of purchasing malpractice insurance would be borne by licensees.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Blubaugh, Board of Nursing