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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 2028 by House Committee on Health and Human

Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2028 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2028 would amend current law regarding the licensure of mental health technicians, as administered by the Board of Nursing. The bill would remove the fees charged by the Board for examination and re-examination. The bill would require persons taking the licensing exam to pay the examination service directly. HB 2028 would also change the term patient to individual throughout the statute, and make technical corrections.

Currently the Board spends an estimated \$1,400 per year because they administer approximately eight exams, each costing \$215, and collect a fee of \$40 per exam. The Board estimates that passage of HB 2028 would reduce future expenditures since licensees will pay the examination fee directly to the examination service.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

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