

February 27, 2020

The Honorable Gene Suellentrop, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Suellentrop:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 443 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 443 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 443 would enact the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact. The purpose of the compact would be to provide a home state license and remote state privilege to practice for audiologists and speech-language pathologists in states that are members for the compact.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services states that enactment of SB 443 would have a significant fiscal effect on agency expenditures, however, due to many unknown details a fiscal impact cannot be estimated. The agency states that if enough additional adverse actions need to be taken with out-of-state licensees an additional attorney position may be required for the increase in workload. Additional agency expenditures may be necessary to modify the licensee database to differentiate types of licensees and to grant access to the database by other compact member states. There could also be increased travel and other operating expenditures that will arise from membership in the compact. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 443 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Connie Hubbell, Aging & Disability Services