

February 21, 2024

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Landwehr:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2778 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

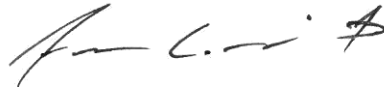
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2778 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2778 would enact the Dietician Compact to provide interstate practice privileges. The purpose of this Compact would be to facilitate the practice of dietetics across state lines with the goal of improving public access to dietetics services by eliminating the necessity for licenses in multiple states. This would include supporting relocating active military members and their spouses and ensuring dietitians meet state practice laws. The bill would create the definition for “dietician compact” and contain the requirements for a state to participate in the Compact. The bill would preserve the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure, while also providing for licensure portability through a compact privilege granted to qualifying professionals.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, enactment of HB 2778 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because the bill states that the compact shall be enforced by the Judicial Branch in each state. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2778, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. Enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch. However, enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited in the State General Fund.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services indicates that enactment of HB 2778 would have a negligible fiscal effect on revenues for the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2778 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Leigh Keck, Department for Aging & Disability Services
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary