

HOUSE BILL No. 2508

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT concerning the legislature; providing for economic impact state-
10 ments for certain bills and other matters under consideration.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) The director of legislative research shall prepare an
14 economic impact statement in accordance with this section for a bill or
15 other matter under consideration by the legislature upon request of:

- 16 (1) The president of the senate;
- 17 (2) the majority leader of the senate;
- 18 (3) the minority leader of the senate;
- 19 (4) the chairperson of the committee on ways and means of the senate
20 or the successor committee;
- 21 (5) the chairperson of the assessment and taxation committee of the
22 senate or the successor committee;
- 23 (6) the speaker of the house of representatives;
- 24 (7) the majority leader of the house of representatives;
- 25 (8) the minority leader of the house of representatives;
- 26 (9) the chairperson of the committee on appropriations of the house
27 of representatives or the successor committee; or
- 28 (10) the chairperson of the committee on taxation of the house of
29 representatives or the successor committee.

30 (b) The director of legislative research shall prepare a statement of
31 the economic impact of the bill or other matter specified in the request
32 upon the Kansas economy, all state or local governmental agencies or
33 units and all persons which will be subject thereto and upon the general
34 public. The economic impact statement shall include:

- 35 (1) A brief description of the bill or other matter;
- 36 (2) whether the bill or other matter is mandated by federal law as a
37 requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized
38 or assisted program and whether the bill or other matter meets or exceeds
39 the requirements of applicable federal law;
- 40 (3) a description of the cost estimate of the bill or other matter, the
41 persons who will bear the costs and those who will be affected by the bill
42 or other matter, including the agency that will administer or will be most
43 directly affected by the bill, other state or local governmental agencies or

1 units, private citizens and consumers of any products or services which
2 would be affected by the bill or other matter, or the administration or
3 enforcement thereof; and

4 (4) economic analyses of the effects of the bill or other matter under
5 consideration on significant economic indicators, including, but not lim-
6 ited to, projected growth or decline in the number and kinds of jobs,
7 general economic growth and inflation factors in the short-term and long-
8 term, in conjunction with the characteristics of current economic factors
9 that are significant in the Kansas economy, and the impact of selected
10 economic indicators that are specified in the request.

11 (c) The director of legislative research shall exercise informed, inde-
12 pendent professional judgment and shall have the assistance of qualified
13 professional staff in the legislative research department to prepare eco-
14 nomic impact statements. The director of legislative research may consult
15 with other state agencies, cities, counties, school districts or other local
16 governmental entities, as appropriate, when preparing the economic im-
17 pact statement of a bill or other matter which increases or decreases
18 revenues of state government, cities, counties, school districts or other
19 local governmental entities or which imposes functions or responsibilities
20 on state government, cities, counties, school districts or other local gov-
21 ernmental entities which may increase expenditures or fiscal liability. A
22 copy of the current economic impact statement on a bill or other matter
23 shall be available from the Kansas legislative research department upon
24 request.

25 (d) Upon request of the director of legislative research, the director
26 of the budget, the secretary of revenue and each other state agency shall
27 provide assistance in the preparation of an economic impact statement
28 for a bill, including any supplemental or revised statement. The economic
29 impact statement and each supplement thereto or revision thereof shall
30 include a reliable estimate of the anticipated changes in the Kansas econ-
31 omy and the revenues and expenditures of the state. It also shall include
32 a statement, if determinable or reasonably foreseeable, of the immediate
33 and long-range economic impact of the bill or other matter upon persons
34 subject thereto and the general public. If, after careful investigation and
35 analysis, it is determined that a reliable monetary cost estimate is not
36 possible, the statement shall set forth the reasons why no monetary cost
37 estimate can be prepared. Every state agency shall cooperate with the
38 director of legislative research in the preparation of any statement pur-
39 suant to this section when, and to the extent, requested by the director
40 of legislative research.

41 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
42 publication in the statute book.