

February 27, 2025

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 177 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

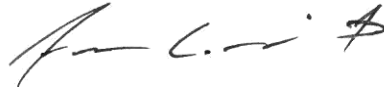
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 177 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 177 would require the Governmental Ethics Commission to publish the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers in the Midwest region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on November 4, 2026, and each Wednesday following the first Tuesday in November in even-numbered years thereafter. The bill would increase certain campaign contribution limits automatically by the percentage published in the CPI. The bill would increase the amount that could be contributed to a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or other state officers elected at large from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for each general election. For members of the House of Representatives, district judges, district magistrate judges, district attorneys, or candidates for local office, the bill would increase the maximum contribution from \$500 to \$1,000 and specify that the limit for candidates for local office would only apply to jurisdictions with a population of less than 50,000. The bill would also increase the maximum contribution for Senators, the State Board of Education, or a candidate for local office from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each primary election and an equal amount for each general election. The bill would also eliminate certain contribution limitations for state and national political parties and would define “jurisdiction.”

The Governmental Ethics Commission indicates enactment of the bill would require it to research and publish CPI information. The Commission notes that if it is required to publish the information in the *Kansas Register*, as opposed to its website, then enactment of the bill could increase expenditures for the agency. However, any effect is expected to be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Existing resources would be used to update training materials for local election offices. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 177 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Governmental Ethics Commission
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State