

January 27, 2025

The Honorable Tom Kessler, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kessler:

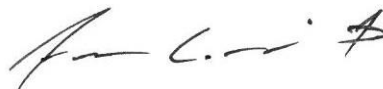
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2026 by Representative Clayton

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2026 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2026 would remove parental, legal guardian, and judicial exceptions allowing 15 to 17-year-olds to marry and would require that marriage licenses be issued only to applicants who are at least 18 years old. Computation of the required three-day waiting period between the application for a marriage license and issuance would also be modified to exclude Sundays, holidays, and other days the clerk's office is closed. The bill would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would reduce the number of marriage license applications processed by district court clerks. The bill would also reduce the workload of district court judges and clerks because there would no longer be the need for judicial review or review of parental consent. The Office also states enactment of the bill could decrease revenues to the State General Fund and other state funds due to fewer marriage license applications being processed. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2026 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary