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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson House Committee on Elections 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2106 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2106 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2106 would prohibit people engaging in any activity promoting or opposing the adoption or repeal of any provision of the *Kansas Constitution* from accepting contributions from a foreign national. The bill would require every person engaging in such activity who accepts money or property in excess of \$500 from another person to require the other person to provide an affidavit that no portion of the money came from a foreign national. The bill would define "foreign national."

The Office of the Attorney General indicates enactment of the bill could increase the likelihood of litigation. The Office estimates the cost of potential litigation would exceed \$1.0 million and would require it to hire outside counsel.

The Governmental Ethics Commission indicates enactment of the bill would have a minimal fiscal effect on the agency that could be handled within existing resources. The Commission notes that some electronic forms it uses would need to be amended or created.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2106 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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