

February 19, 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 2115 by House Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2115 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2115 would authorize municipalities to prohibit employees from carrying concealed handguns in municipal buildings if a security plan has been developed and the governing body or chief administrative officer has adopted a resolution or drafted a letter including the following: (1) the legal description of the building, (2) the reasons for the prohibition, and (3) including the following statement: "A security plan has been developed for the building that supplies adequate security to the occupants of the building and merits the prohibition of the carrying of a concealed handgun by employees."

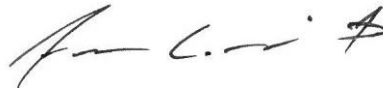
Current law prohibits the security plan from being subject to disclosure under the Kansas Open Records Act. Under the bill, this provision would expire on July 1, 2030, unless the Legislature renews the provision.

The Office of the Attorney General states the bill's enactment would make the state subject to lawsuits on the grounds of infringing on Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms. The Office indicates if there is litigation, the agency might have to hire outside counsel to defend the case. The agency estimates additional expenditures totaling \$1.0 million from the State General Fund in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 for possible litigation costs.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on Judicial Branch operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2115 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states the bill's enactment would have a fiscal effect on Kansas cities who chose to implement and enforce the bill's provisions. The Kansas Association of Counties states the bill's enactment would not have a fiscal effect on Kansas counties.

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: Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
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Trisha Morrow, Judiciary