

February 20, 2025

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 2205 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2205 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2205 would prohibit a person from lobbying for another person that is a foreign adversary, foreign political party of a foreign adversary, or foreign adversary client. A foreign adversary would include the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolas Maduro, and the Syrian Arab Republic; any agency or instrumentality of those governments; any person owned or operated by those adversaries; or any person organized under the laws of a foreign adversary. The Attorney General would bring civil action against a person that violates this bill. The civil penalty would not exceed \$25,000 for a first violation, not exceed \$100,000 for a second violation, or not exceed \$150,000 for a third or subsequent violation. Any civil penalty collected would be deposited into the State General Fund. The bill would also allow the Attorney General to collect attorney fees and costs from the person in violation of the bill.

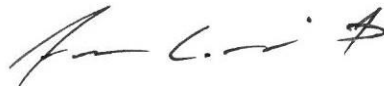
The Office of the Attorney General would require \$78,075 in FY 2026 and \$81,979 in FY 2027 to bring civil action against violators of the bill. The amount required for FY 2026 includes \$60,839 for salary and wages expenditures for 1.00 Investigator position and \$17,236 for related operating expenditures. Any cases that do not involve legal findings could be absorbed with existing staff and resources.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district court because the bill allows the Attorney General to file a civil action. This would

increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also increase the collection of docket fees and civil penalties, which would be deposited into the State General Fund. However, the Office cannot determine a precise fiscal effect of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2205 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that if there are multiple district court cases as a result from enactment of the bill it could increase operating costs for counties. However, the Association cannot estimate a precise fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the bill would have no fiscal effect on cities.

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: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties