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Laura Kelly, Governor

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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 2384 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2384 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2384 would authorize the State Historical Society, on behalf of the State of Kansas, to convey to the Shawnee Tribe all of the rights, title, and interest for property located in Johnson County, Kansas, which is described in the bill. The bill specifies that the Shawnee Tribe would be required to pay all costs related to the conveyance and would grant the state a historic preservation easement that would reflect current federal preservation laws regarding properties listed as national historic landmarks. The Shawnee Tribe would have to agree that the property could not be used as a casino or other gaming facility.

The bill would require the Shawnee tribe to engage in formal consultations with the four federally recognized tribes and any other federally recognized tribe that had children who attended the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School concerning rehabilitation of the land and structures. The Shawnee Tribe would have to provide an update on its work to rehabilitate and manage the property, along with its consultation efforts every two years for a ten-year period to the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations.

The State Historical Society states the agency spends on average approximately \$58,701 each fiscal year on this property for rehabilitation and repair. Of the \$58,701, \$54,397 is from the State General Fund and \$4,304 is from agency fee funds. If the bill is enacted, the agency indicates the funding would be used for deferred maintenance at other state historic sites. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2384 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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