

February 16, 2026

The Honorable Susan Humphries, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

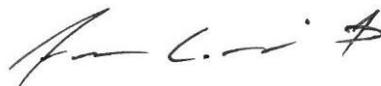
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2707 by Representative Oropeza, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2707 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2707 would add intentionally or knowingly causing, attempting to cause or threatening to cause physical injury to a pet with the intent to control, punish, intimidate, or distress another person to the definition of "abuse" under the Protection From Abuse Act. The bill would define "pet" to mean a dog, cat, or other animal that is domesticated and kept for pleasure rather than utility. The bill would allow the court to grant orders ordering the plaintiff to have custody and control of any pet owned and restraining the defendant from coming into contact with, harming, or killing any pet owned.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts or increase litigation items in certain cases. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also result in the collection of additional docket fees in cases filed under the provisions of the bill which would be deposited into the State General Fund. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2707 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary