



March 4, 2026

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2739 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2739 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

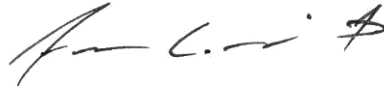
HB 2739 would amend state law regarding fire sprinkler requirements for multi-family residential dwellings. Under current law, municipalities are prohibited from requiring fire sprinkler systems in single-family dwellings and multi-family dwellings of two or fewer attached units. The bill would create a new statewide prohibition, applicable to all provisions of law, on requiring the installation of fire sprinkler systems in multi-family dwellings of four attached units or fewer, while preserving the right of any person to voluntarily install a system. The bill would also expand the existing municipal prohibition to cover multi-family dwellings of four or fewer attached living units, up from the current two-unit threshold. Additionally, the bill would amend the fire code definition of apartment buildings to exclude townhouses and townhouse units. For purposes of the bill, a townhouse would be defined as a building containing three or more attached townhouse units, and a townhouse unit would be defined as a single-family dwelling unit extending from foundation to roof, separated from adjacent units by a fire separation wall, with a yard or public way on at least two sides.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal indicates that enactment of HB 2739 would have no fiscal effect on its operations.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that enactment of the bill could decrease expenditures for county governments by reducing the regulatory requirements associated with inspecting and testing fire protection systems in affected dwelling types. The League of Kansas

Municipalities indicates that the removal of internal fire suppression requirements could increase long-term expenditures for fire department staffing, equipment, and water infrastructure needed to suppress fires in affected structures. However, neither organization was able to provide a specific estimate of the fiscal effect on local governments.

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: Jamie Rodvelt, Office of the State Fire Marshal
Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities