



March 3, 2026

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2788 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2788 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2788 would establish the Business Enterprise Program Oversight Task Force which would consist of seven members. One member would be appointed by the Governor and six by the Legislature, with the term of the members to expire June 30, 2028. The Task Force would review state administration of priority placement for blind vendors on state property and would allow audits on the administration of such program. The bill would abolish the vending facilities account established outside the state treasury and establish the Business Enterprise Program Fund in the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) in the state treasury. The bill would also transfer monies from the vending facilities account to the Business Enterprise Program Fund. The staff of DCF, the Office of Revisor of Statutes, the Legislative Research Department, the Division of Legislative Administrative Services, and the Division of Legislative Post Audit would provide assistance as requested by the Task Force. The bill would require DCF to fund expenditures of the Task Force members and any costs to administer the newly established Business Enterprise Program Fund.

On or before July 1, 2027, the Task Force would submit a report to the Legislature on the Task Force's findings and recommendations for the Business Enterprise Program, and the Legislative Division of Post Audit would conduct audits of the Business Enterprise Program as directed by the Task Force. The Committee of Blind Vendors would continue to meet annually, and DCF would be required to give notice of such meeting as described in the bill. DCF would consider the committee input in good faith in making decisions regarding the program. If DCF

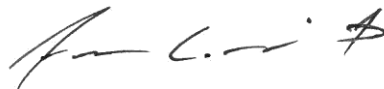
were to reject the Committee's input, DCF would be required to provide a written notice to the Committee of the reasons for such decision.

DCF indicates that enactment of the HB 2788 would have a fiscal effect on DCF as the agency would be responsible for paying for mileage and subsistence for the seven task force members. This estimate includes assumptions made by the agency regarding the number of annual meetings and meeting locations, and the distance the task force members would need to travel is unknown at this time. DCF assumes there would be one meeting per month, \$500 per meeting for space, one night stay for hotel, and 150-mile-round trip for mileage at a cost of \$31,872 from the State General Fund beginning in FY 2027.

A fiscal note request was sent to the Office of Revisor of Statutes and the Legislative Research Department, but their responses were not received as of the writing of this fiscal note. The Division of the Budget assumes that any costs associated with enactment of HB 2788 would be absorbed within existing resources for these offices. If either office submits a fiscal effect stating otherwise, the Division will update the fiscal note.

The Division of Legislative Administrative Services indicates that any fiscal effect associated with enactment of HB 2788 would be absorbed within existing resources. According to Legislative Post Audit (LPA), enactment of HB 2788 would have no fiscal effect. The cost of the two audits would be absorbed within existing resources. However, doing the audits would mean that LPA could not do one or two other performance audits. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2788 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families
Tom Day, Legislative Services
Dylan Dear, Legislative Research
Kristen Rottinghaus, Division of Post Audit
Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes