

March 10, 2025

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 285 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

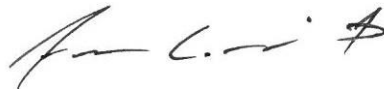
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 285 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 285 would amend state governmental ethics laws. Under current statute, legislators can receive reimbursements for actual expenses incurred in attending and participating certain events by any national, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established for the purpose of serving, informing, educating, and strengthening the state legislatures in all states of the nation. SB 285 would allow legislators to receive reimbursements for actual expenses incurred in attending and participating certain events by any nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that does not engage in lobbying in Kansas. In addition, under current statute certain elected officials and state employees cannot solicit or accept free or discounted tickets or access to entertainment, sporting events, or other activities if provided because of the person's official position. SB 285 would add exceptions that such tickets or access could be provided if it is obvious to the person accepting the tickets or access is not being provided because of the person's official position or if the person's presence at the event would serve a legitimate state purpose or interest and the person's agency has authorized payment for travel and expenses.

The Governmental Ethics Commission indicates that enactment of the bill could result in savings for state agencies because an outside entity could pay for certain expenses that agencies

would not have to provide. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 285 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Governmental Ethics Commission