

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 447 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 447 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 447 would establish the Domestic Violence Task Force within the Office of the Attorney General. The task force would have 15 members as detailed in the bill that would be appointed no later than January 1, 2027. The task force would conduct a review of the operation and enforcement of domestic violence laws and identify gaps; establish a framework for specialized protective networks, treatment options, and specialty court options for victims; study availability of shelters and feasibility of requiring each city or county to designate a place for short-term shelter; and make policy recommendations to the Legislature. Beginning January 1, 2028, and each year after, the task force would provide a report of policy recommendations to certain legislative committees. Members of the task force attending meetings would be paid amounts for expenses, mileage, and subsistence.

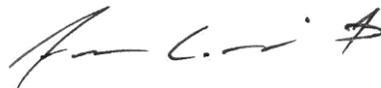
Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$86,049	\$91,339
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$86,049	\$91,339

Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	1.00	1.00

The Office of the Attorney General states that enactment of SB 447 would require additional expenditures of \$86,049 in FY 2027. The bill would require the addition of one new full-time program administrator position at an annual cost of \$62,366 from the State General Fund for salary and benefits. Operating costs associated with the new position including training, technology, office space, and related expenses are estimated at \$8,683. The Office estimates additional expenditures of \$15,000 annually to cover expenses, mileage, and subsistence for task force members attending meetings. The cost estimate for FY 2028 is an increase of 3.0 percent over the FY 2027 estimate to account for inflationary and cost-of-living adjustments. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 447 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that enactment of SB 447 would have an impact on county expenditures. The Counties would be required to appoint a county prosecutor to the task force and there would be costs associated with a search for willing and able appointee candidates. Additional costs for providing education for county courts and officers regarding new policy recommendations made by the task force would be incurred. The Association cannot make a precise estimate for these new expenditures.

Sincerely,



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