

February 11, 2026

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 497 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 497 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

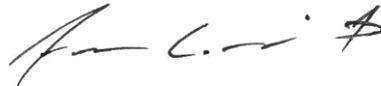
SB 497 would amend the Uniform Controlled Substances Act by adding kratom to Schedules I as outlined in the bill. The bill would also make conforming amendments to the definition of “fentanyl-related controlled substance” in the criminal code.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district court because it adds a new drug to Schedule I of the Uniformed Controlled Substances Act, which would increase the time spent by judges and court employees processing and hearing cases. The Office indicates a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the bill’s provisions. The Office also indicates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees for those cases filed under the bill’s provisions, which could be deposited into the State General Fund.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission states the bill’s enactment would not have an effect on prison beds or admissions. The Department of Corrections states there would be no fiscal effect if the bill is enacted.

The Board of Pharmacy states there would be no fiscal effect resulting from the bill's enactment. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 497 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 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: Alexandra Blasi, Board of Pharmacy
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Scott Schultz, Kansas Sentencing Commission
Jennifer King, Department of Corrections