



March 3, 2026

The Honorable Larry Alley, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 159-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Alley:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 518 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 518 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 518 would authorize the State Historical Society, for and on behalf of the State of Kansas, to convey to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) all of the rights, title, and interest in certain real estate located in Johnson County, Kansas. The property's description would be outlined in the bill. The real estate would be required to be conveyed on or before July 1, 2028.

PBPB would have to agree to pay for all costs related to the conveyance and would be required to grant the state a historical preservation easement that would reflect current federal preservation laws regarding properties listed as national historic landmarks. PBPB would further have to agree that the property could not be used as a casino or other gaming facility. PBPB would be required to engage in formal consultations with the other three federally recognized tribes and any other federally recognized tribe that has children who attended the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School concerning the rehabilitation of the property and structures. PBPB would be required to provide an update on its work to rehabilitate and manage the property and its consultation efforts every two years for a 10-year period to the Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations.

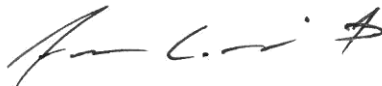
The State Historical Society states that the Shawnee Indian Mission state historic site is located on the property that would be transferred to PBPB. The Governor has recommended \$200,000 from all funding sources in FY 2026 and \$625,000 from all funding sources, including \$206,250 from the State General Fund in FY 2027 for the rehabilitation of the West Building at the Shawnee Indian Mission state historic site. The agency indicates it would not proceed with

the rehabilitation of the West Building if the property were transferred and would no longer need the funding recommended by the Governor for this project if the bill is enacted.

According to the agency, the City of Fairway currently runs the day-to-day operations of the site through a memorandum of agreement, which ends on June 30, 2026. The agency is only responsible for capital improvement project expenditures. The agency states it spends on average approximately \$66,844 each fiscal year on this property for rehabilitation and repair. Of the \$66,844, \$62,734 is from the State General Fund and \$4,110 is from agency fee funds. If the bill is enacted, the agency indicates the funding would be used for rehabilitation and repair at other state historic sites.

The agency states if the bill is enacted, the agreement with the City of Fairway would likely not be renewed and additional State General Fund expenditures, along with a temporary position to continue the day-to-day operations of the site would be needed until the transfer of the property is completed; however, the agency did not estimate a fiscal effect for the temporary position. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 518 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: Matthew Chappell, Historical Society