



March 10, 2026

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 520 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 520 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 520 would create the crime of interference with the conduct of a religious assembly, provide criminal penalties for violations of the bill, and would provide a civil cause of action for damages. The bill would amend KSA 21-6205 as it relates to criminal desecration. The bill would also amend KSA 2025 Supp. 75-702 as it relates to interference with the conduct of a religious assembly and aggravated interference with the conduct of a religious assembly.

At a victim's request, or upon the Attorney General's own determination, the Attorney General could pursue cases on behalf of any Kansas victim. Damages would go to the victim. The Attorney General could seek attorney's fees and costs. The Attorney General would have concurrent authority with any county or district attorney to prosecute the crimes of interference with the conduct of a religious assembly and aggravated interference with the conduct of a religious assembly when they are part of an alleged course of criminal conduct that occurred in two or more counties.

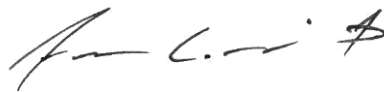
The Office of the Kansas Attorney General indicates that enactment of SB 520 would require an additional 0.50 Assistant Attorney General position in order to process requests for the Office of the Attorney General to pursue cases on behalf of victims of an interference with the conduct of a religious assembly. The cost of the position would be \$66,952 for salary and benefits. The cost of the office space, technology, and related items would be \$14,657 for a total of \$81,609 from the State General Fund in FY 2027. The cost would increase slightly in the out-years. This bill would have an elevated risk of litigation which cannot be estimated at this time.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of SB 520 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because the bill would create new crimes and provide for civil cause of action cases. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Since these crimes would carry lower-level penalties, there could also be more supervision of offenders required to be performed by court services officers. The bill could result in the collection of supervision fees in those cases filed, which would be deposited in the Correctional Supervision Fund. Until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of SB 520, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures and revenues for the Judicial Branch cannot be given. The bill could result in the collection of docket fees and supervision fees in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited in the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 520 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of SB 520 would increase county expenditures. County expenditures would be affected by this legislation through the additional costs to properly educate and enforce the law enforcement officers and courts to correctly maintain these new criminal and civil procedures. There could also be costs associated with holding various individuals within county jails.

According to the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM), enactment of SB 520 would have a fiscal effect on expenditures for cities. The bill would not directly appropriate funds to cities, nor would it require cities to establish new programs or services. However, the potential civil liability and administrative compliance obligations create indirect cost exposure. However, LKM is unable to determine the exact fiscal effect of the bill.

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: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
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Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties