

February 25, 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 66 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 66 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

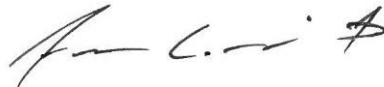
SB 66 would prohibit local governmental officers who have a substantial interest in a major development project from acting on any matter or participating in making a contract related to the project regardless of whether they filed a disclosure of the substantial interest. A contract made in violation of the bill would have the option to be voided and rescinded within two years of execution. The bill would also allow violations of the bill to be prosecuted by the Attorney General or the district or county attorney where the project would be located. The bill would provide investigative authority of the prosecutor and authorize them to enforce the provisions of the bill. Any local government officer who is convicted of violating the bill would be required to forfeit their office.

The bill would clarify that an individual has a substantial interest in a major development project if the individual, relative, or person involved in an intimate relationship with the individual receives or knowingly will receive compensation, profit, or a pecuniary interest. This provision would apply to any method in which the compensation, profit, or pecuniary interest is obtained, including compensation, profit, or pecuniary interest obtained by an individual, relative, or person involved in an intimate relationship with the individual who holds certain positions, owns a legal or equitable interest, or receives federally taxable compensation.

The Office of the Secretary of State and the Governmental Ethics Commission indicate enactment of the bill would have a minimal fiscal effect that could be absorbed within existing

resources. The Division of the Budget reached out to the Office of the Attorney General for fiscal information and has not yet received a response. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 66 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: Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State
Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Governmental Ethics Commission