

February 5, 2025

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Billinger:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 86 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 86 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 86 would require the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to establish and administer an Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program for the purpose of connecting Kansas by rail to other member states of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission, the Midwest Regional Rail System, the National Passenger Rail Network, and any other passenger rail service operating in Kansas. KDOT would be required to provide funding for the costs of qualifying projects and operating support for Amtrak or any common rail carrier approved by the Federal Railroad Administration.

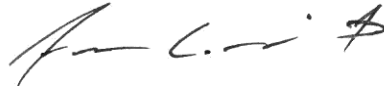
On July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter through July 1, 2029, KDOT, in consultation with the Division of the Budget, would be required to determine the amount of unencumbered monies in the State General Fund, the State Highway Fund or any special revenue fund or funds of KDOT that could be used for the Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program. KDOT would be required to certify the amount from each fund to the Department of Administration Division of Accounts and Reports. Upon the receipt of each certification, or as soon thereafter as monies are available, the Division of Accounts and Reports would be required to immediately transfer an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 each fiscal year from the certified funds to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund. The bill would require KDOT to transmit a copy of each certification to the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Division of the Budget.

KDOT indicates enactment of the bill would require \$5.0 million to be transferred from the State Highway Fund to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund annually from FY 2027 to

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FY 2030. 2024 SB 28 transferred \$5.0 million from the State Highway Fund to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund in FY 2025. KDOT indicates enactment of the bill would not require increases to operating expenditures or staffing. The *FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report* includes a transfer of \$5.0 million from the State Highway Fund to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund for FY 2026.

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: Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation