

March 11, 2021

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 284 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 284 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

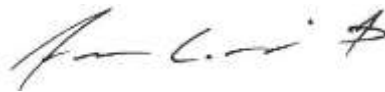
SB 284 would amend the Kansas Emergency Management Act. Under current law, a state of disaster emergency declared by the Governor can continue for up to 15 days, unless extended upon ratification by a concurrent resolution of the Legislature, or by an affirmative majority vote by the State Finance Council when the Legislature is not in session. A state of disaster emergency may be extended once for a specified period beyond the 15-day period. SB 284 would allow a state of disaster emergency to continue for no longer than 21 days unless ratified by a concurrent resolution of the Legislature or an affirmative vote of the State Finance Council when the Legislature is not in session or has adjourned for three or more days when in session. In either case, a state of disaster emergency could be extended for specified periods not to exceed 30 days each. The bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

According to Legislative Administrative Services (LAS), Legislative members of the State Finance Council attending meetings in person are paid by the Department of Administration. Meetings held virtually, as has been done during the current pandemic, have not been compensated by the Department. For these virtual meetings, expenditures for Legislative members' virtual attendance have been made from the Legislature's budget.

With the enactment of SB 284, each virtual meeting would cost \$709.28 per day (\$88.66 member salary expense X 8.00 Legislative members = \$709.28) in both FY 2021 and FY 2022. Expenditures in FY 2021 would be possible, as the bill would become effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*. For illustrative purposes, LAS estimates that three additional meetings in FY 2021 would cost \$2,128 (\$709.28 X 3 meetings = \$2,127.84) and 15 meetings in FY 2022

would cost \$10,640 ($\709.28×15 meetings = \$10,639.20). All expenditures would be from the State General Fund. However, the actual number of virtual meetings cannot be estimated. If any meetings of the State Finance Council would be in-person, expenditures for these meetings would be from the Department of Administration's budget. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 284 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Ryan Wright, Office of the Governor
Michael Neth, Office of the Adjutant General
Karen Clowers, Legislative Services