

January 24, 2024

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chairperson  
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2515 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2515 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

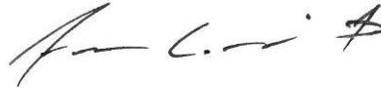
HB 2515 would amend the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act to require an accurate and complete record be made of any ascertainable injuries to a child caused by an attempted abortion. A copy of the record would be required to be provided to the hospital the child was transported to and the record would be required to be incorporated into the annual report pursuant to KSA 65-6758. The bill would allow civil actions by an individual born alive and injured as a result of an attempted abortion, or by the parents or custodial guardians in cases where the individual was a minor. In addition, the bill would add individuals injured by an attempted abortion to anonymity provisions of the Act.

According to the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, enactment of HB 2515 could result in additional complaints and resulting investigations but anticipates that the additional workload would be managed within existing resources. The Office of the Attorney General reports that the agency would not be likely to have standing in any private cause of action under the revisions made to the Act. The Office does not anticipate any changes to agency revenues or expenditures as a result of passage of the bill. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment states that enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2515 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it allows for civil actions to be filed. This could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing, researching, and hearing these cases. The Office estimates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees and fines assessed in those cases filed under the bill's provisions, which would be deposited to the

State General Fund, the bill would not affect other revenues to the Judicial Branch. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2515 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 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: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary  
Susan Gile, Board of Healing Arts  
William Hendrix, Office of the Attorney General  
Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment