

February 15, 2023

The Honorable Pat Proctor, Chairperson
House Committee on Elections
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proctor:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2312 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2312 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2312 would exempt certain political party committee treasurers from liability for certain violations of the Campaign Finance Act. The bill specifies for any violation of the Campaign Finance Act committed by the treasurer of a party committee who provides treasurer services to the party committee on a voluntary basis, the Governmental Ethics Commission may assess a civil fine, after property notice and an opportunity to be heard, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

The bill specifies that no treasurer of any party committee would be held individually liable for violations of the Campaign Finance Act committed by the party committee of which the treasurer is an officer. All civil fines assessed for such violations would be assessed against the party committee that committed the violation. HB 2312 would clarify that nothing in the bill's provisions should be construed to exempt a treasurer of any party committee from individual liability for any unlawful conduct that is intentionally committed by such treasurer.

The Governmental Ethics Commission states enactment of the bill would have a fiscal effect on the operations of the Commission; however, the Commission does not have enough information to estimate a precise fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2312 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics