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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bowers
Members of the Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 10, 2026

Subject: SB 436 – Increasing the public bid threshold amount for county construction expenditures to $100,000.

Senate Bill No. 436 (SB 436) would amend K.S.A. 19-214 to increase the cost threshold for when a county is required to use public bids for construction expenditures. Currently, if construction costs exceed $25,000, a county must award the contract based on the lowest and best bid. SB 436 would increase the cost threshold to $100,000.

The public bid requirement applies to construction expenditures for county buildings, roads, and bridges. The requirement is not applicable to bridge reconstruction or repair as a result of a disaster when the conditions of K.S.A. 19-216a are satisfied, or to the repair of any building that is an emergency based on public health or safety. The public bid requirements also do not apply expenditures for professional services, insurance, or road construction that is let for bid in accordance with K.S.A. 68-521.

If enacted, SB 436 would become effective on July 1, 2026.