

March 9, 2023

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 272 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 272 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, \$5.0 million is transferred from the State Highway Fund to the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund annually on July 1. Current law also allows the Secretary of Transportation to transfer additional monies from the State Highway Fund to the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund or from the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund to the State Highway Fund provided that the amount expended each fiscal year is not less than \$5.0 million.

SB 272 would increase the transfer from the State Highway Fund to the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund to \$18.0 million beginning on July 1, 2023. The bill would continue to allow the Secretary to transfer additional monies between the State Highway Fund and the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund; however, the statutorily required amount to be expended each fiscal year must not be less than \$18.0 million.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) indicates that in the Governor's budget recommendation expenditures for the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund were increased from \$5.0 million to \$10.0 million in FY 2024 to provide additional grants to public use airports to preserve and enhance the Kansas airport system. The agency indicates the increase was done through existing law, which allows additional expenditures provided the total amount spent is not less than \$5.0 million. KDOT states the Governor's recommendation did not include changes to the statutory transfer or statutorily required minimum amount to be expended. According to KDOT, if the bill is enacted, it would increase statutorily required expenditures from

the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund to \$18.0 million in FY 2024 or \$8.0 million more than expenditures included in the Governor's budget recommendation.

Also, according to the agency, the Governor's budget recommendation increased the amount transferred to the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund from \$5.0 million to \$10.0 million in FY 2024, which was done through existing law. The bill would increase the transfer from \$10.0 million to \$18.0 million in FY 2024 or \$8.0 million more than the transfer included in the Governor's budget recommendation. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 272 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 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: Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation