

February 11, 2025

The Honorable Adam Smith, Chairperson  
House Committee on Taxation  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Smith:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2058 by House Committee on Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2058 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

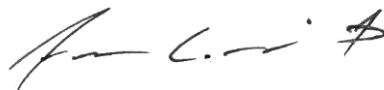
Under current law, if a taxpayer is 65 years of age or older with household income equal to or less than 120.0 percent of the federal poverty level for two persons and the appraised value of their residence is under \$350,000, they are eligible to claim the 75.0 percent Selective Assistance for Effective Senior Relief (SAFE SR) tax credit. HB 2058 would set the household income limitation to equal to or less than \$28,000 for two persons to qualify for this tax credit beginning in tax year 2025 and would adjust this amount based on the cost-of-living adjustment published in the Internal Revenue Code beginning in tax year 2026 and annually thereafter.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$20,000	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$20,000	--
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	(\$1,470,000)	(\$1,540,000)
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	(\$1,470,000)	(\$1,540,000)
FTE Positions	--	--	--

The Department of Revenue estimates that HB 2058 would decrease State General Fund revenues by \$1,470,000 in FY 2026, \$1,540,000 in FY 2027, and \$1,620,000 in FY 2028. To formulate these estimates, the Department of Revenue reviewed property tax data from the Property Valuation Division of the Department of Revenue. The household income limitation for the SAFE SR program for tax year 2024 was \$24,500. Under current law, the Department estimates the household income limitation would increase to \$25,100 in tax year 2025, while this bill would increase the household income limitation by an additional \$2,900 to \$28,000. The Department estimates that this would provide for an additional 1,000 claimants for this program. With an average credit of \$1,470, the estimated fiscal effect would be \$1,470,000 in tax year 2025 or FY 2026.

The Department of Revenue indicates that it would require a total of \$20,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2026 to implement the bill and to modify the automated tax system. The required programming for this bill by itself would be performed by existing staff of the Department of Revenue. In addition, if the combined effect of implementing this bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department's programming resources, or if the time for implementing the changes is too short, additional expenditures for outside contract programmer services beyond the Department's current budget may be required. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2058 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue