

January 21, 2026

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2427 by Representatives K. Williams and Waymaster

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2427 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2427 would establish a new position, the Fiscal Integrity Auditor, who would be appointed by the Legislative Coordinating Council. The new position would report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate to provide effective budgetary support, improved oversight, rigorous analysis and assessment and guidance concerning governmental fiscal procedures and auditing. The position would have unlimited access to all state technology systems and software used for accounting, budgeting, and expenditures from the State Treasury by the Kansas Legislative Research Department, Division of Accounts and Reports, and the Division of the Budget.

In addition, the new position would have access to all books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence concerning fiscal matters, of any state agency, including any confidential information. The Fiscal Integrity Auditor would be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law with any materials reviewed and would be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for any violations.

The bill would outline the following specific duties for the Fiscal Integrity Auditor:

1. Examine budget expenditures with a focus on the identification of waste, fraud, mismanagement and abuse;
2. Verify that expenditures align with legislative intent and ensure that agencies expend funds only as the legislature intended;
3. Recommend termination, consolidation or reappropriation of expenditures that are inconsistent with legislative intent;
4. Identify expenditures, practices or programs that may be eliminated as to provide proper use of taxpayer money;

5. Identify duplicative and redundant services or unused funds;
6. Identify off-budget spending, funds shifted or redirected between accounts and agencies and possible unauthorized expenditures;
7. Collaborate with the Office of Inspector General to eliminate waste, fraud, mismanagement and abuse;
8. Serve as an additional resource to the chairpersons of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means throughout the year;
9. Improve state agency expenditure transparency; and
10. Provide clear, easy-to-understand findings to members of the Legislature and assistance whenever requested by members of the Legislature.

The fiscal integrity auditor would be required to provide annual summaries to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, and analysis of the following:

1. Expenditures warranting further review or action;
2. Government expenditures that occur outside the proper, authorized and transparent budgeting and accounting systems, including funds expended through redirecting or shifting funds outside of legislative intent;
3. Budget recommendations that improve government transparency and demonstrate to the public the effective use of taxpayer money; and
4. Recommending possible budget savings related to termination, consolidation, modernization, procurement, bid processes or administrative imbalance.

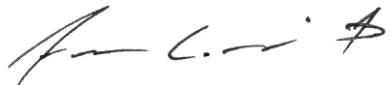
The fiscal integrity auditor would also be required to provide an annual audit report and recommendations to the Legislative Budget Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and each of the House budget committees.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$227,500	\$227,500
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$227,500	\$227,500
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	\$227,500	\$227,500
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	\$227,500	\$227,500
FTE Positions	--	1.00	1.00

According to Legislative Administrative Services, the enactment of the bill is estimated to require additional expenditures totaling \$227,500 from the State General Fund, beginning in FY 2027. This estimate also includes the addition of 1.00 Fiscal Integrity Auditor. The estimate includes a base salary of \$150,000, \$52,500 for fringe benefits, as well as \$25,000 for other operating expenditures, including office space, computer hardware, software, and furniture. After FY 2027, expenditures would increase based upon fringe benefit rates, as well as any state employee salary plans that have been approved; however, for the agency's fiscal effect estimate, the cost in FY 2028 is the same in FY 2027, as those salary cost variables are not known.

The Department of Administration indicates that the agency would offer training on the various state computer systems, including payroll, accounting, and budgeting, to the new position. Any administrative time and cost would be within the agency's existing budget resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2427 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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