

February 4, 2026

The Honorable Shannon Francis, Chairperson  
House Committee on Transportation  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Francis:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2459 by House Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2459 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

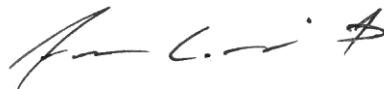
HB 2459 would establish an Act cited as Duke's Law requiring individuals under age 17 to wear a helmet while operating an electric-assisted scooter or bicycle. The bill would establish certain specifications for electric-assisted scooters and implement warning citations. The Kansas Department of Transportation would be required to create a public education program and develop literature that would be passed out by law enforcement promoting the use of helmets by children operating an electric-assisted scooter or electric-assisted bicycle. The bill would make it unlawful for any individual 13 years of age or under to operate an electric-assisted scooter. The bill would limit the maximum operating speed of an electric-assisted scooter to 20 miles per hour and 15 miles per hour on any public highway, street, or sidewalk.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	11,000	11,000	11,000
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	--	--

The Kansas Department of Transportation indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures by \$11,000 from the State Highway Fund to develop a public education program promoting helmet use for children and provide education materials to law enforcement for distribution. The Kansas Department of Revenue and the Kansas Highway Patrol indicate that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agencies. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2459 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the enactment of the bill would increase expenditures for cities related to law enforcement training; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation  
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue  
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties  
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Sherry Macke, Kansas Highway Patrol