



January 26, 2026

The Honorable Susan Humphries, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2479 by House Committee on Judiciary

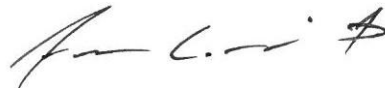
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2479 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2479 would establish a framework for electronic monitoring with victim notification as a condition of pretrial release for individuals charged with domestic violence. The bill would require the magistrate to consider ordering electronic monitoring of a person charged with a domestic violence offense, including domestic battery or aggravated domestic battery. In determining whether to order electronic monitoring of a person with victim notification, the bill would allow a magistrate to hold a hearing that would consider certain factors including the individual's history of domestic violence, their access to weapons, and their history of alcohol or substance abuse. The bill would require electronic monitoring with victim notification to be ordered only with the protected person's informed consent after they have been given certain information such as their right to refuse to participate, the manner of the electronic monitoring technology, and support services available to assist the protected person. Before ordering electronic monitoring of a person with victim notification, the magistrate would be required to allow the alleged victim to provide the magistrate with a list of areas the victim would like the person to be excluded from and would require the magistrate to specifically describe the locations in the order. The bill would require a person ordered to be placed on electronic monitoring with victim notification to pay the related expenses. The bill would specify that an alert from an electronic monitoring device would be probable cause to arrest the monitored person. Courts and state and local law enforcement would be required to share information regarding electronic monitoring. The bill would limit the liability of suppliers of electronic monitoring equipment.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase expenditures of the Judicial Branch, but a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Office states that the bill's provisions would require district courts to conduct hearings and consider multiple factors before making a ruling, send notices for hearings, compile information from victims, establish processes and procedures for monitoring and victim notification, and address procedures associated with violations and the corresponding hearings. The Office states that the bill could significantly increase the workload of district court staff, which could increase expenditures. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. The Office notes that the Kansas Victim Information and Notification Everyday system administered by the Office would not be utilized under the victim notification process outlined in the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2479 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
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