



February 4, 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 2498 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2498 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2498 would classify crimes related to driving under the influence and driving a commercial motor vehicle under the influence as person crimes. Currently, these offenses are classified as nonperson crimes. The bill would not change the severity levels of the offenses.

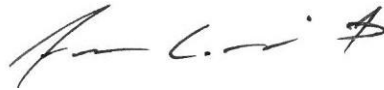
The Sentencing Commission estimates that HB 2498 would have no effect on prison admissions or prison bed space. The Commission notes that the bill would affect future criminal history determinations but would not change severity level classifications for the instant offense of conviction.

The Judiciary indicates that enactment of HB 2498 would have a negligible fiscal effect on its operations. The Board of Indigents' Defense Services and the Department of Corrections indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on agency operations.

The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties indicate that enactment of the bill could increase costs for local governments. Both organizations note that implementation would require municipalities and counties to develop new procedures and provide additional training for law enforcement officers. The Kansas Association of Counties also indicates that costs could increase because of additional holding time for offenders. However,

neither organization was able to provide a specific estimate of the fiscal effect on local governments.

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: Jennifer King, Department of Corrections
Scott Schultz, Kansas Sentencing Commission
Ann Sagan, Board of Indigents Defense Services
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities