



January 28, 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 2536 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2536 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

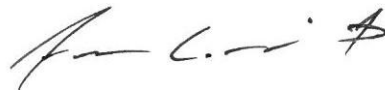
HB 2536 would require that individuals proposed as guardians for certain adults with cognitive impairments or neurological conditions complete a training program approved by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services prior to appointment. The Department would be charged with reviewing and approving guardian training programs that meet specified training standards, maintaining and publishing a list of approved programs for use by courts and potential guardians, and adopting rules and regulations to administer these new training requirements.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, enactment of HB 2536 could have a fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch. The bill's provisions would require the court to obtain proof of the training by a guardian before appointing them. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2536, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. The bill would not have a fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch or State General Fund.

The Kansas Guardianship Program (KGP) indicates that enactment of HB 2536 would increase operating costs due to the implementation of the training program. KGP cannot estimate these costs, as it does not know the cost of the training or the amount of time it would take for the training. The bill would affect KGP for many years to come as the KGP relies on volunteers to be guardians. These volunteers participate in the KGP volunteer training and have the support and resources of KGP staff to assist them in making decisions for anyone they are guardian for. It could affect the agency's ability to recruit and retain volunteers.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) indicates enactment of HB 2536 would place administrative requirements on KDADS that would expand oversight into the approval and regulation of training programs that did not formerly fall under the agency's core duties. KDADS would be required to ensure that any new training program approval and rulemaking responsibilities would be adequately staffed and structured to maintain quality and accessibility of training to the public. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2536 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 or symbol.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Leigh Keck, Department for Aging & Disability Services
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Nancy Mayberry, Kansas Guardianship Program