

February 4, 2026

The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2588 by House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2588 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2588 would require any electrical contractor, master electrician, journeyman electrician or residential electrician to be licensed through the Kansas Board of Technical Professions beginning July 1, 2026. The Board would begin to administer, or designate any city or county to administer, the standard examination to determine competency and qualification for licensure. The bill would add two Board positions and request representative professional societies and associations to submit a list within 30 days of July 1, 2026, of a minimum of six persons of recognized qualifications and abilities engaged in practice as electricians for at least eight years for consideration of Governor appointment to the Board. The bill would authorize licensees to practice within every city or county within Kansas and eliminate the current system of licensing by cities and counties. The bill would make technical amendments and require the work of an apprentice to be under the direct supervision of a licensed journeyman, master, or residential electrician.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect

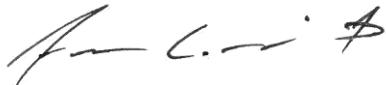
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	\$32,500	\$198,570	\$202,795
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	\$32,500	\$198,570	\$202,795
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	\$22,465	\$22,465
Fee Fund(s)	--	\$202,185	\$202,185
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	\$224,650	\$224,650
FTE Positions	--	2.00	2.00

The Kansas Board of Technical Professions indicates that the enactment of the bill would increase fee fund expenditures by \$32,500 in FY 2026 for costs associated with database modifications, publication of regulations, and one-time expenditures for new equipment and furnishings. The Board anticipates that the enactment of the bill would increase expenditures by \$198,570 in FY 2027 and \$202,795 in FY 2028 and require 2.00 positions for an Assistant Executive Director and an Administrative Assistant. Included in these estimates are salary expenditures of \$169,000 in FY 2027 and \$173,225 in FY 2028 for the two new positions. The agency also estimates expenditures of \$7,200 each year for compensation of the two additional board members, \$17,000 each year for investigation costs, and \$5,370 each year for additional dues, printing and postage. The Board anticipates the enactment of the bill would increase fee fund revenues by \$224,650 for fees charged for licenses and business certificates in both FY 2027 and FY 2028 with 10.0 percent to the State General Fund by statute. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2588 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the enactment of the bill would reduce the revenues of some cities for developing and conducting exams for electricians; however, an exact fiscal effect would vary from city to city and is not currently available.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the enactment of the bill would increase expenditures for counties that administer electrician examinations. The Association indicates there would be filing fees, documentation review charges, and training costs as well as expenditures for a verification and enforcement system for state licenses.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Brad Parker, Board of Technical Professions
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