

February 10, 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 2593 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2593 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

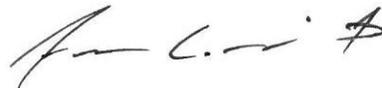
HB 2593 would allow a political subdivision to enter into a contingent fee contract for legal services. The bill would require a meeting to be called, a list to be provided as to why services are needed, and a contract would be approved in an open meeting after discussion and consideration. Before a contract becomes effective and enforceable, the political subdivision would be required to get the Attorney General's approval. The bill details the information that would be provided to the Attorney General for review. The Attorney General would either approve or refuse to approve the contract within 45 days, and if no action is taken by the Attorney General, then the contract would be deemed to be approved. If the Attorney General refuses to approve the contract, then the Attorney General would provide written notice detailing the reason for the refusal. All information received by the Attorney General would be confidential.

In any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding in which a political subdivision is represented by an attorney providing legal services under a contingent fee contract that does not comply with the provisions of the bill, the Attorney General could appear and request that the proceeding be dismissed or intervene and recover damages on behalf of the subdivision. If the court or quasi-judicial body concludes that the contract does not comply with the provisions of the bill, then the matter would be dismissed without prejudice, or the Attorney General would be allowed to intervene on behalf of the political subdivision. The provisions of the bill would expire on July 1, 2031.

The Office of the Attorney General states that any additional workload to review contingent fee contracts would be handled within the Office's existing resources. The Office of Judicial Administration states that the bill would have a negligible effect on expenditures, which could be absorbed within existing resources. The bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on agency and State General Fund revenues. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2593 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on cities to develop and implement new procedures related to contract approval. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The Kansas Association of Counties states that if counties are forced to utilize by the hour services rather than contingency fees, the bill could increase the cost for legal services. Additionally, requiring Attorney General's approval could cost counties damages if contracts are denied, or if counties cannot join suits to pursue damages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "P" at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties