

February 17, 2026

The Honorable Jim Minnix, Chairperson
House Committee on Water
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Minnix:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2625 by Representatives Johnson, Buehler, and Neelly

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2625 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

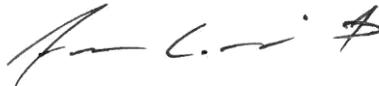
HB 2625 would require all rural water district purchases or contracts in excess of \$25,000 for the construction, installation, or replacement of district facilities, water lines, pump stations, or buildings to be awarded to the lowest and best bid using the public letting process. The bill would require the district to publish notice of the letting process in certain places no less than 20 days before awarding any purchase or contract for certain improvement projects. The notice would have to describe the planned improvement project in reasonable detail, invite sealed proposals, and provide the time and place that the purchase or contract would be awarded. The person, firm, or corporation awarded the purchase or contract would be required to file a surety bond with the district that has been approved by the attorney for the district in the amount of the purchase or contract and conditioned on the faithful performance of the purchase or contract. The bill would require the surety bond to be provided by a surety company authorized to do business in Kansas. The bill would not apply to expenditures for professional services, purchases of insurance contracts, or repairs or replacements of any facilities, water lines, pump stations, or buildings when an emergency based on public health or safety is declared by the district board.

The Kansas Water Office indicates that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on cities. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the enactment of

the bill would not have a direct effect on the revenues and expenditures of counties and would entail enforcement and procedure standards only for the district offices themselves unless the county runs the water district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties
Debra Jones, Kansas Water Office