

February 12, 2026

The Honorable William Sutton, Chairperson
House Committee on Insurance
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 218-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Sutton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2736 by House Committee on Insurance

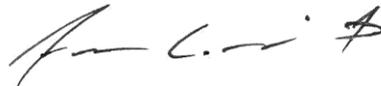
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2736 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2736 would require non-disproportionate share hospitals to screen all patients for eligibility of such hospital's financial assistance program and charity care policy using the process prescribed by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The Secretary of Health and Environment would be required to adopt rules and regulations to establish the process as outlined in the bill. The bill would specify that a patient would be able to apply for charity care if they were screened and ineligible or if they disagreed with the amount of charity care discount. The bill would include the procedures for when a hospital made an incorrect determination.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, enactment of HB 2736 would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$140,974 in FY 2027. This cost would be related to six months of salary for 3.00 positions including a regulation writer, legal reviewer, and legal assistant. Responsibilities would include properly engaging stakeholders, writing and revising regulations, engaging in statutorily required public comments and hearings, and publication in the *Kansas Register*. The agency states they would utilize existing vacant positions to fulfill the requirements of the bill.

The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the Kansas Office of Veterans Services do not anticipate a fiscal effect. KDADS indicated that state hospitals would be excluded. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2736 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Kim Mason, Office of Veterans Services
Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment
Leigh Keck, Department for Aging & Disability Services