



February 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Kessler, Chairperson  
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kessler:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2772 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2772 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2772 would enact the Kansas Age-Appropriate Design Code Act, which would require businesses to assess and mitigate digital products' risks of compulsive use by minors. It also would establish the Kansas Stopping Likeness Abuse by Nonconsensual Digital Replicas Act, which would create a private right of action for unauthorized digital replication and distribution of individuals' digital likenesses, and the Kansas Saving Human Connection Act which would ban certain deceptive practices and ensure chatbot interactions are transparent. This bill would take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2027, and its publication in the statute.

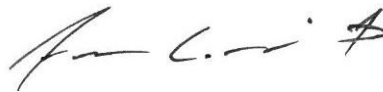
The Office of the Attorney General states that enactment of HB 2772 would require an additional 2.00 Assistant Attorney General positions to implement and enforce the provisions of the bill. The estimated annual salary and fringe benefit cost for each Assistant Attorney General is \$133,905, resulting in total personnel expenditures of \$267,810 for FY 2027. In addition, operating expenditures for office space, technology, licensing, litigation support, and related expenses are estimated at \$23,314 annually. Accordingly, the total estimated cost for FY 2027 is \$291,124 and \$299,857 for FY 2028. The Office does anticipate some long-term fiscal effect on the agency in the form of future litigation expenses and the rise in salary due to inflation.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of HB 2772 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because violations would be subject to the remedies and enforcement provisions of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. Civil actions could also be filed for violations. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial

personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2772, 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. However, the bill could result in the collection of docket fees in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited in the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2772 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that enactment of HB 2772 could have a fiscal effect on counties. No total fiscal effect was estimated, as it would depend on how often actions are brought under these Acts and the resources necessary to proceed through civil court. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that HB 2772 would have no fiscal effect on cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

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