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The Honorable Caryn Tyson, Chairperson Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Tyson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 148 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 148 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, no sales tax is imposed for the service of installing or applying tangible personal property in connection with original construction of a building or a facility that becomes part of real estate. SB 148 would extend this sales tax exemption to include reconstruction, restoration, remodeling, renovation, repair, or replacement of a building or facility. The sales tax exemption would go into effect on July 1, 2025.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect						
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027			
Expenditures						
State General Fund		\$1,340				
Fee Fund(s)		1				
Federal Fund		1				
Total Expenditures		\$1,340				
Revenues						
State General Fund		(\$63,100,000)	(\$71,000,000)			
Fee Fund(s)		(13,900,000)	(15,600,000)			
Federal Fund						
Total Revenues		(\$77,000,000)	(\$86,600,000)			
FTE Positions						

The Department of Revenue estimates that SB 148 would decrease state revenues by \$77.0 million in FY 2026. Of this amount, State General Fund revenues are estimated to decrease by \$63.1 million, while State Highway Fund revenues are estimated to decrease by \$13.9 million. The bill is also expected to decrease local sales tax revenues; however, the specific estimate of this reduction was not calculated by the Department of Revenue. The fiscal effect to state revenues during subsequent years would be as follows:

	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>FY 2029</u>	<u>FY 2030</u>
State General Fund	(\$71,000,000)	(\$73,200,000)	(\$75,500,000)	(\$77,900,000)
State Highway Fund	(15,600,000)	(16,100,000)	(16,600,000)	(17,100,000)
	(\$86,600,000)	(\$89,300,000)	(\$92,100,000)	(\$95,000,000)

To formulate these estimates, the Department of Revenue reviewed actual deductions reported on returns filed by taxpayers self-reporting in the construction industry (NAICS Code 23) for calendar years 2019 through 2023. It is estimated that 27.5 percent of those deductions are attributable to reconstruction, restoration, remodeling, renovation, repair, or replacement of a building or facility. According to the Department of Revenue, reissuing sales tax publications and revising forms would cost \$1,340 from the State General Fund in FY 2026.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) indicates that the bill would reduce revenues to the State Highway Fund as noted above. KDOT indicates that when the state receives fewer State Highway Fund dollars it may be required to make corresponding reductions to planned expenditures for projects funded under the comprehensive transportation plan. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 148 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate the bill would provide a net reduction to local sales tax collections that are used in part to finance local governments. This bill has the potential to reduce revenues that are pledged to repay STAR bond projects; however, it is unknown what impact the bill would have on the viability of those projects.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation