

February 24, 2025

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 249 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 249 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

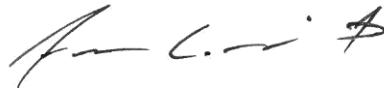
SB 249 would establish a comprehensive Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) awareness, prevention, identification, intervention, and service delivery program to be administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Program purposes, duties, and requirements would be outlined in the bill. The bill would also create a FASD Advisory Task Force to provide guidance for the program which would consist of the Secretaries from several state agencies along with members of the public representing various areas, including individuals with FASD or their family members. The bill would include required reporting from the Task Force and beginning in 2026 a formal report would be required to be submitted to the Governor each even-numbered year and to the Legislature beginning in 2027 for each odd-numbered year. The bill would specify that KDHE would have the ability to apply for, receive, and distribute federal funds for the program.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, enactment of SB 249 would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$350,000 in FY 2026 and \$400,000 in FY 2027 for program expenditures. The agency anticipates hiring a State Coordinator with specific FASD knowledge or experience to manage the exploration, development, and implementation of programs and interventions, as well as lead the FASD Advisory Task Force. This would also include per diems and other reimbursement for the Task Force, using the assumption that the Task Force would meet six times in FY 2026 and four times in FY 2027, with at least two in-person meetings held in Topeka. KDHE believes a platform that has already been created to support

professionals in training, technical assistance, and consultation could be utilized and would allow for the development and expansion of new or current processes, resources, and programs.

The Kansas Department of Education states that participation in the Task Force would not have a fiscal effect, however, the total effect that would result from implementation of any recommendations could not be estimated. The Department of Commerce notes that the Secretary of Commerce or a designee would serve on the FASD Advisory Task Force, but no fiscal effect is anticipated. The Kansas Department for Children and Families and the Kansas Department of Corrections state that enactment of the bill would not result in a fiscal effect for either agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 249 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment  
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