

January 23, 2026

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 314 by Senators Shane and Thompson

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 314 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

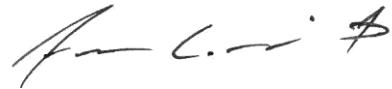
Currently, state or local employees are prohibited from using public assets to expressly advocate or oppose the nomination or election of a candidate to government office. A person violating the provisions of the law is guilty of a class C misdemeanor. SB 314 would expand current law by also prohibiting the same employees from the use of public assets for advocating for or opposing the adoption or repeal of state constitutional amendments and any other ballot question submitted to qualified electors.

The Public Disclosure Commission indicates SB 314 would not have a fiscal effect. The Office of Judicial Administration states SB 314 could increase the number of cases filed in the district courts because the bill expands the crime. This would increase time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Since the crime carries a class C misdemeanor penalty, there could also be additional supervision of offenders by court services officers. Enactment of the bill could increase the collection of docket fees, fines, and supervision fees that would be deposited into the State General Fund. The agency is unable to estimate a precise fiscal effect.

The Secretary of State indicates it would use existing resources to update training materials for local election officials and update educational and promotional materials for the public regarding the provisions of SB 314. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 314 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities both indicate that SB 314 would not have a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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