

February 5, 2026

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 353 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

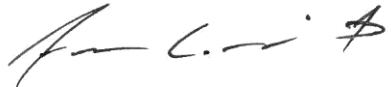
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 353 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 353 would designate the Great Plains Transportation Museum in Wichita as the official site and repository for the Kansas Railroad Hall of Fame. The bill would establish a selection committee for the Kansas Railroad Hall of Fame, who would be required to meet annually, serve without compensation, and make decisions by a majority vote. The selection committee would comprise the Executive Director of the Museum, the Executive Director of the Historical Society, two members appointed by the Governor, one representative of the railroad industry, and two representatives of the public. The selection committee would be required to select two individuals annually for induction into the Kansas Railroad Hall of Fame. Candidates would have to meet certain requirements, including working within the state with an officially sanctioned railroad or in the manufacture of railroad-related products, rail cars, or locomotives.

The bill would allow any member of the selection committee to nominate a candidate for consideration. The selection committee would be required to provide an appropriate location at the Great Plains Transportation Museum to display materials recognizing inductees, establish a website, and solicit gifts and donations. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) would be required to assist with the siting and establishment of such displays. The bill would also require the selection committee to provide appropriate ceremonies at least annually and could charge fees for attendance.

The Historical Society and KDOT indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of the agencies.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Matthew Chappell, Historical Society
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