



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 357 by Senate Committee on Transportation

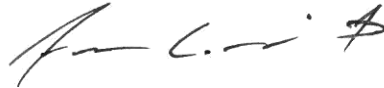
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 357 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 357 would require the Secretary of Transportation to implement and administer an Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program to develop and provide funding in order to connect Kansas by rail to other member states of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission, the Midwest Regional Rail System, the National Passenger Rail Network, and any other passenger rail service operations serving Kansas. The Secretary would be required to provide funding for the costs of qualifying projects and provide operating support for Amtrak or any common rail carrier approved by the Federal Railroad Commission. The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Director of the Budget, to determine the amount of unencumbered monies in the State General Fund, State Highway Fund, or any special revenue fund of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) that could be used for the Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program on July 1 of FY 2028 through FY 2031. The Secretary of Transportation would certify the amount to the Director of Accounts and Reports, who would transfer an aggregate amount of \$5.0 million each fiscal year to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund.

KDOT states that enactment of the bill would require a total of \$20.0 million to be transferred to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund from the State Highway Fund from FY 2028 through FY 2031 (\$5.0 million per fiscal year). KDOT notes that in FY 2025, \$5.0 million was transferred from the State Highway Fund to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund through adoption of the KDOT budget, which included the transfer. The approved FY 2026 budget also includes a transfer of \$5.0 million, which occurred on July 1, 2025. KDOT notes that its

submitted budget also includes a transfer of \$5.0 million from the State Highway Fund to the Passenger Rail Service Revolving Fund in FY 2027. KDOT states enactment of the bill would not require increases to operating expenditures or staffing. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 357 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 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: Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation