

February 9, 2026

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 436 by Senate Committee on Local Government,
Transparency and Ethics

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 436 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, all contracts that expend county funds for the construction of any courthouse, jail or other county building, bridge, highway, road, dam, turnpike, related structures, or stand-alone parking lots in excess of \$25,000 must be awarded to the lowest and best bid. SB 436 would increase the amount from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

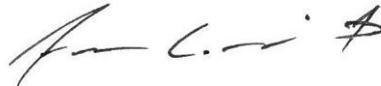
The Board of Regents states the bill's enactment could have a fiscal effect on two-year institutions when collaborating with counties on jointly funded or county-supported capital projects. The Board estimates that enactment of the bill has the potential to decrease administrative duties; however, the reduction in competitive bidding for projects under \$100,000 may result in increased construction or renovation costs in certain circumstances. The Board did not estimate a fiscal effect.

The Kansas Department of Transportation indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect if enacted. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 436 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states the bill's enactment would have a fiscal effect on Kansas counties because the bill would increase the threshold for construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$100,000. The Association states that there could be savings by eliminating the bid

letting; however, because of rising construction costs, fewer contracts may fall under the \$100,000 threshold. The Association did not estimate a fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on Kansas cities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation
Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents