

February 11, 2026

The Honorable Renee Erickson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Government Efficiency
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Erickson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 450 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

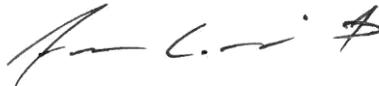
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 450 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 450 would allow the Secretary of Administration to grant a monetary award to a state employee who reports activity that constitutes fraud, waste, or abuse in any program if the Secretary, in consultation with the Office of the Inspector General or Attorney General, determines such report results in the savings of state funds. The bill specifies that, unless the state employee is the original source of information, the Secretary would not be allowed to grant an award if the Office of Inspector General or Attorney General had prior knowledge of the activity or if the information was disclosed in certain hearings and proceedings. The bill would require a state employee who makes such a report to declare they are reporting potential fraud, waste, and abuse. The bill would require the award to be 10.0 percent of the savings realized by the state that resulted from the report after deducting the costs of investigation and recovery. The award could only be granted after the Secretary has collected the funds to be awarded. The bill specifies that any disciplinary action would be governed by the Kansas Whistleblower Act.

The Department of Administration indicates that it currently administers the Employee Award and Recognition Program and that adding a category would have no fiscal effect on the overall administration of the Program. However, the agency states that without knowing the number of reports that would be submitted or the scope of investigations and confirmations of savings that would be required, it is not possible to accurately estimate the administrative costs or potential savings realized by reports submitted by state employees. As a result, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 450 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Samir Arif, Department of Administration
Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General