

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 466 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 466 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 466 would amend the Kansas Consumer Protection Act by giving tenants relief through limiting how landlords could use old eviction records or rental arrears history when deciding whether to deny someone housing. The bill would prevent outdated or minor past rental issues from automatically disqualifying applicants from future housing opportunities. Violations by a landlord or consumer reporting agency would be subject to any and all of the enforcement provisions of the Act. The bill would also establish court requirements regarding petitions for eviction, eviction proceedings, and hearings for civil or criminal cases.

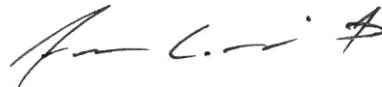
The Office of the Attorney General indicates that enactment of SB 466 would require an additional Assistant Attorney General position and an additional investigator position. The Assistant Attorney General would be responsible for reviewing complaints, providing statutory notices, evaluating compliance with reporting and use restrictions, pursuing enforcement actions under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, and handling litigation when violations were not resolved through voluntary compliance. The investigator would support these efforts through complaint intake, fact development, coordination with courts and consumer reporting agencies, and investigative support for enforcement actions. These responsibilities would exceed existing capacity due to the anticipated increase in housing-related complaints and the complexity of the new enforcement provisions. The total State General Fund cost to the Office of the Attorney General in FY 2027 would be \$229,665, consisting of \$133,905 for the Assistant Attorney General (salary and benefits), \$60,838 for the investigator (salary and benefits), and \$34,922 for technology, equipment, and office space. For FY 2028, the estimated cost would be \$236,555,

reflecting a flat 3.0 percent increase over FY 2027. This bill would have a moderate potential to be the subject of litigation. However, the Office of the Attorney General cannot estimate the cost of any such litigation at this time.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, enactment of SB 466 could have a significant fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch. The bill's provisions require that case files must be sealed. This would result in expenditures incurred for programming changes to the case management system (Odyssey). In addition, the court would be required to hold additional hearings and district court clerks would need to send the notices for the hearings. The bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because violations would be subject to the remedies and enforcement provisions of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of SB 466, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. The bill would not have a fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch. However, the bill could result in the collection of docket fees in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited in the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 466 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate that enactment of SB 466 would have no fiscal effect on counties or 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  
Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties  
Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General  
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary