

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Beverly Gossage, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Gossage:

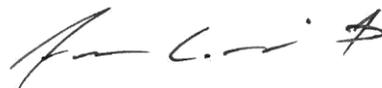
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 475 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 475 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 475 would require every hospital and ambulatory surgical center licensed by the Department of Health and Environment that performs procedures that produce surgical smoke plume to use a surgical smoke plume evacuation system, on and after January 1, 2027. The facilities would also be required to adopt and implement policies and procedures to ensure the evacuation of surgical smoke plume for each procedure that generates surgical smoke plume from the use of energy-based devices. The bill would include related definitions.

According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, enactment of SB 475 would not result in a fiscal effect on agency operations. The requirement would be incorporated into the current survey process of licensure, recertification, or investigation of complaint.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Amy Penrod, Department of Health & Environment