

February 11, 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 481 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

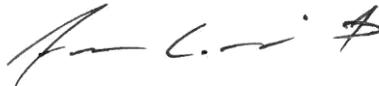
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 481 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 481 would suspend speedy trial requirements if a municipal judge finds there is reason to believe a defendant is incompetent to stand trial. The bill would allow the court to order a psychological evaluation to be completed by an appropriate institution, a licensed physician or psychologist, or a competency examiner. The bill would require all costs for an examination to be paid from municipal court funds or the general fund of the municipality. Examinations would be required to be completed within 60 days of the court's order. The bill outlines procedures the court would follow as a result of the competency examination. The bill would specify that a person is incompetent to stand trial if they are charged with a crime and unable to understand the proceedings or make a defense. The bill would also define "treatment provider" and would specify that the court could rely on a competency examination ordered by a municipal court to facilitate an examination.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it allows a city attorney to file a petition. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also result in the collection of additional docket fees for cases filed under the provisions of the bill which would be deposited into the State General Fund. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 481 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on cities that could be absorbed within existing resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities