

February 27, 2026

The Honorable Larry Alley, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Commerce
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 159-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Alley:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 495 by Senate Committee on Commerce

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 495 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 495 would create the Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Act. The bill would establish new requirements for vehicle manufacturers to provide equal access to vehicle diagnostic and repair information. The bill would create the Motor Vehicle Repairs Board under the Attorney General's jurisdiction comprising representatives from manufacturers, aftermarket parts makers, parts distributors, independent repair facilities, and motor vehicle dealers. This Board would manage secure access to mechanical data and monitor compliance with the Act.

For model year 2002 vehicles sold in Kansas, manufacturers would be required to make available all diagnostic tools, software, and repair information to independent repair facilities and vehicle owners at costs comparable to what new vehicle dealers and authorized repair facilities pay. This would include access to diagnostic systems, repair manuals, and technical updates through internet-based systems including all parts, tools, software and other components necessary to complete a full repair of a motor vehicle.

For model year 2002 through 2017 vehicles, the bill would require the same access to a motor vehicle's on-board diagnostic system and repair information system to a motor vehicle owner or independent repair facility as would be provided to a motor vehicle dealer.

Starting with model year 2018 vehicles, manufacturers would be required to equip vehicles with standardized, nonproprietary interface devices that comply with specific international standards. These interfaces would provide direct access to on-board diagnostic and repair

information through common connection types like USB or ethernet. By January 1, 2028, manufacturers would be required to implement a standardized access platform for vehicles with telematics systems. This platform would allow vehicle owners to authorize access to their vehicle’s mechanical data through a mobile application, enabling independent repair facilities to perform maintenance and repairs.

The bill would include provisions for enforcement, with violations subject to civil penalties of \$3,000 per incident or \$10,000, whichever is greater. While manufacturers could exclude certain security-related information, they would be required to make this available through secure alternative systems. The bill would take effect on January 1, 2027.

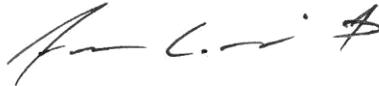
Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	\$162,991	\$167,880
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$162,991	\$167,880
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	1.00	1.00

According to the Office of the Attorney General, enactment of SB 495 would increase expenditures by \$162,991 for FY 2027 and \$167,880 for FY 2028, all from the State General Fund. The expenditures would include \$10,000 per year compensation for the activities of the Motor Vehicle Repairs Board (5 members x \$2,000 = \$10,000) and \$133,905 for 1.00 FTE Assistant Attorney General position to provide legal counsel to the Board, oversee enforcement actions, respond to complaints, and defend administrative and civil actions. Other expenditures would include \$19,086 for the incidentals of hiring new employees, such as office space, technology, furniture, equipment and workstation setup, and other related items. The increase from FY 2027 to FY 2028 allows for a 3.0 percent increase related to inflation at an estimated total cost of \$167,880. The costs would be on-going.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of SB 495 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it creates a civil action that may be filed for violations. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill would not have a fiscal effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch. However, enactment of 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. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 495 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: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary