

February 20, 2026

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Thompson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 499 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 499 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 499 would enact the Kansas Age-Appropriate Design Code Act, which would require businesses to assess and mitigate digital products' risks of compulsive use by minors. It also would establish the Kansas Stopping Likeness Abuse by Nonconsensual Digital Replicas Act, which would create a private right of action for unauthorized digital replication and distribution of individuals' digital likenesses, and the Kansas Saving Human Connection Act which would ban certain deceptive practices and ensure chatbot interactions are transparent. This bill would take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2027, and its publication in the statute.

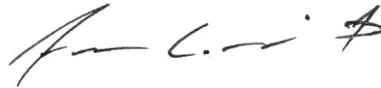
The Office of the Attorney General states that enactment of SB 499 would require an additional 2.00 Assistant Attorney General positions to implement and enforce the provisions of the bill. The estimated annual salary and fringe benefit cost for each Assistant Attorney General is \$133,905, resulting in total personnel expenditures of \$267,810 for FY 2027. In addition, operating expenditures for office space, technology, licensing, litigation support, and related expenses are estimated at \$23,314 annually. Accordingly, the total estimated cost for FY 2027 is \$291,124 and \$299,857 for FY 2028. The Office does anticipate some long-term fiscal effect on the agency in the form of future litigation expenses and the rise in salary due to inflation.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of SB 499 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. Civil actions could also be filed for violations. This 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 499, 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 499 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that enactment of SB 499 could have a fiscal effect on counties. No total fiscal effect was estimated, as it would depend on how often actions are brought under these Acts and the resources necessary to proceed through civil court. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that SB 499 would have no fiscal effect on 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: Matt Bingesser, Office of the Attorney General
Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities