

SESSION OF 2026

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2081**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Taxation

**Brief\***

Sub. for HB 2081 would provide a sales tax exemption for purchases by a community pharmacy, as defined by the bill, or by a contractor for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, or improving facilities for such pharmacies.

The exemption would apply to pharmacies that engage in the dispensing of prescriptions; provide services to medically underserved individuals and families; and are exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code. The exemption would not apply to any pharmacy that dispenses a prescription drug intended to be used for the purpose of causing an abortion of a pregnancy as defined by Kansas law.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation at the request of Representative Kessler.

***House Committee on Taxation***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony as provided by a representative of Cairn Health, Inc., who stated community pharmacies are often the only point of

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access to life-saving medications for vulnerable Kansans and the bill would provide a meaningful decrease to operational costs for nonprofit pharmacies and enable them to serve more Kansans in need.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of Health Forward Foundation.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to make technical and conforming changes and recommended a substitute bill be passed.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department of Revenue indicates enactment of the bill would reduce state revenues by \$8,000 per year. Of these amounts, approximately \$6,500 would be from the State General Fund, and the balance from the State Highway Fund. The fiscal note also indicates that one-time capital projects in FY 2026 may further reduce state receipts by \$45,000, of which \$37,000 would be from the State General Fund.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Taxation; sales tax; exemptions; community pharmacies