

March 11, 2021

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
Statehouse, Room 285A-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

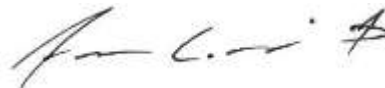
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2424 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2424 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2424 would amend the Kansas Act Against Discrimination by adding “race” and “protective hairstyles” to the list of terms used in the Act. “Race” would be defined as inclusive traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles. “Protective hairstyles” would include, but would not be limited to, hairstyles such as braids, locs and twists.

The Kansas Human Rights Commission indicates the bill could increase the number of complaints filed with the agency. However, the Commission estimates that any increase to the number of complaints could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2424 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Ruth Glover, Human Rights Commission