

February 27, 2023

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 266 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 266 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

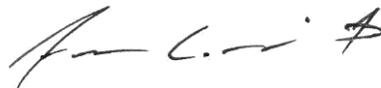
SB 266 would require all law enforcement agencies in the state to adopt additional written policies that require law enforcement officers, when having determined a person is a victim of domestic violence, to provide the victim with a notice regarding certain rights and to conduct a lethality assessment. The notice would state that the victim has the right to request charges be pressed against their assailant, to request protection from harm from cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution efforts, to be informed of financial assistance and other social services available as a result of being a victim, and to petition for a protective order. The bill would require a law enforcement officer who interviews a victim of domestic violence to assess the potential for danger by asking a series of questions provided on a lethality assessment form. Based upon the results of the assessment, the law enforcement agency would be required to make appropriate referrals to shelters, domestic violence intervention programs, and other social services for the victim.

The Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates enactment of the bill would increase costs to local law enforcement agencies to enforce the provisions of the bill and provide training. The League also notes that local emergency responder costs may decrease if further domestic violence incidents are prevented. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill could increase costs to county law enforcement to provide the notice and lethality assessment and ensure that all responding officers have the correct information to provide victims. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Paul Weisgerber, Kansas Bureau of Investigation  
Sherry Macke, Highway Patrol  
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties  
Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary