

February 23, 2024

The Honorable Rick Billinger, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Billinger:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 529 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 529 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

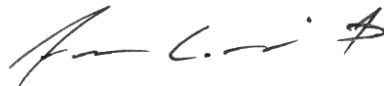
SB 529 would create the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center District Act. The bill would allow the Douglas County Commission to place on the ballot a question that creates the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center District and imposes a property tax levy not to exceed 0.5 mills on all taxable tangible property located in the district to fund the budget of the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center. The tax levy would not be considered a tax levy of Douglas County or the City of Lawrence. If the ballot question is approved by the voters, then the existing board of directors of the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center would be dissolved. All contracts previously entered into by the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center would be binding on the new district, and all outstanding bonds, debts, and other obligations of the center would become an obligation of the new district. The district would be required to deliver an annual report to the Douglas County Commission on or before January 31 of each year that shows receipts and disbursements from all funds under its control and showing statistical information relating to students served and programs offered. The Douglas County Commission would be required to establish the first board of directors of the district to include a seven-member board, the criteria for serving on the board, and the term of office for members of the first board. Once appointed, the district board would select board officers and the method of selection and the term of office for future board members. Each year, the board of directors would elect a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and any other officers as needed by majority vote.

The Department of Revenue indicates SB 529 would affect only local property tax collections in Douglas County and would have no fiscal effect on state revenues. Based on Douglas County's 2023 taxable value, the property tax levy of 0.5 mills would generate approximately \$984,500. The Department indicates that the administrative costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Secretary of State indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations. The local election authorized by the bill would be conducted and paid for by Douglas County. An election held at the same time as a countywide primary or general election would cost less than a stand-alone special election.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates Douglas County would no longer be responsible for funding the Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center from its own tax receipts. The district would have its own authority and tax levy amount for the territory located in Douglas County, resulting in a more stable source of funding. This could also potentially allow Douglas County to use the current Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center funding for other purposes.

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: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State