

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
Statehouse, Room 142-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Hilderbrand:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 441 by Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 441 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 441 would enact the Biological Laboratory Accident Transparency Act, which would require the reporting of accidents related to high-risk biological laboratories. The bill would also prohibit employers from taking adverse action against an employee when such employee's actions were made in good faith under the Act.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment estimates enactment of SB 441 would result in initial expenditures of \$70,000 from the State General Fund in FY 2022 for the development and maintenance of a website and database for the public to report accidents as required by the Act. The agency estimates annual expenditures, beginning in FY 2023, would total approximately \$20,000 for ongoing maintenance, IT licensing, and reporting.

The Kansas Department of Labor does not estimate any fiscal effect due to enactment of the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 441 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

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: Dan Thimmesh, Health & Environment  
Dawn Palmberg, Department of Labor