

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 56 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 56 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a notice of offering help to victims of human trafficking may be posted in workplaces. SB 56 would require the notice to be posted in any place required to post notices such as the Kansas Act Against Discrimination, the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Kansas Child Labor Law, and other notices as described in the bill. SB 56 also requires the notice to be posted in a location visible to members of the public in sexually oriented businesses; massage parlors; healthcare facilities; convenience stores and truck stops; and rest areas and visitor centers under state supervision and control. Finally, the Attorney General would be required to adopt rules and regulations prescribing the content, size and other general characteristics of the notice.

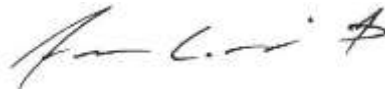
The Office of the Attorney General estimates the bill would require additional printing and postage expenditures from the State General Fund ranging from \$2,990 to \$6,590 for FY 2021 and FY 2022. For the printing costs, the Office indicates that it currently provides a digital poster containing the information required in SB 56 that can be downloaded and printed. While the bill does not require the Office to provide printed copies of the notice, the Office anticipates the bill would increase requests for printed copies of the poster. The Office estimates printing costs would range between \$990 for 10,000 posters to \$1,590 for 25,000 posters. The Office estimates postage costs would range between \$2,000 and \$5,000. If SB 56 is enacted, the Office would begin printing and distributing posters in FY 2021 in preparation for the July 1, 2021 effective date. Printing and distribution of the notices would continue in FY 2022. It is likely that demand for posters would decrease in the out years to the extent full circulation is achieved.

The provision in the bill requiring notices to be posted in state sponsored rest areas and visitor centers could require additional expenditures from the Kansas Department of Transportation if the agency is required to print the notices. The agency states it would be required to post approximately 201 notices. The agency is unable to provide an estimate because the content, size and other characteristics of the notice would be set by the Attorney General at a later date. However, any additional expenditures would be from the State Highway Fund and would be absorbed within its current expenditure limitation on operations.

The Department of Labor states that SB 56 would have no fiscal effect. However, current law requires the Department, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop and implement an education plan to raise awareness with Kansas employers about the problem of human trafficking and available resources. The Department states that this education plan currently does not exist and therefore \$80,000 from the State General Fund is needed in FY 2022 to complete this process. Of that amount, \$32,000 would be for salary and wage expenditures for a 0.50 FTE position and \$48,000 would be for related operating expenditures to complete and develop the education plan.

The Kansas Human Rights Commission indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 56 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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