

February 9, 2022

The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chairperson  
House Committee on Elections  
Statehouse, Room 218-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bergquist:

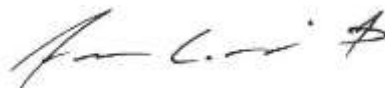
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2577 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2577 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2577 would add a requirement that any entity expressly advocating for the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office include a statement that contains clear and conspicuous identifying information of the entity. The bill would extend the time frame to schedule an investigative hearing from 30 days to 90 days for the Governmental Ethics Commission. The bill would add federal officers or employees to the list of individuals who may access material relating to investigations by the Governmental Ethics Commission. HB 2577 would also make technical changes.

Both the Governmental Ethics Commission and the Office of the Secretary of State indicate enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the operations of either agency.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Mark Skoglund, Governmental Ethics  
Jay Hall, Association of Counties  
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State