

March 4, 2021

The Honorable Robert Olsen, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Commerce  
Statehouse, Room 236A-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Olsen:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 236 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 236 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

The bill would establish the Kanas Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Act within the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. The Commission would plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The Commission would cooperate with the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. SB 236 details who would serve as voting members for the 14-person Commission and their duties. The bill would prohibit Commission members from receiving compensation.

On or before December 31, 2022, the Commission would submit a report to the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives that contains recommendations for the commemoration. The Commission would also report annually any funds received or expended and outcomes achieved and if those achievements meet the Commission's goals. The bill would also establish the Kansas Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Gifts and Donations Fund, which would be administered by the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

The bill would allow the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to donate any remaining property in possession of the Commission after December 31, 2027, to local municipalities or state agencies. On December 31, 2027, the Director of Accounts and Reports of the Department of Administration would transfer all monies and liabilities in the Kansas Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial Gifts and Donations Fund to the operating expenditures account of the

State Economic Development Initiatives Fund of the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Finally, the Commission would be abolished on December 31, 2027.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2021 SGF	FY 2021 All Funds	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	\$7,758	\$7,758	\$253,290	\$253,290
FTE Pos.	--	.25	--	1.75

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism states that the bill would require expenditures to hold public hearings, develop a public website and develop the report required by the bill. The bill does establish a new fund that could receive donations, but the bill does not provide funds to support the project. The Department is mainly fee funded and those funds have restrictions on use and cannot be used to support this project. The agency would require State General Funds at least until the newly created fund could support the required expenditures. However, the cost of those items is unknown and therefore a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

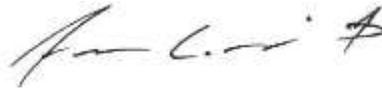
Under Executive Reorganization Order 48 to move the Division of Tourism from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Commerce would have the fiscal effect. The Department of Commerce estimates expenditures totaling \$237,775 in FY 2022 and \$187,775 in FY 2023 through half of FY 2028 from the State General Fund. For FY 2022, the estimated amount includes \$152,200 for salary and wage expenditures for 1.50 FTE positions; \$9,075 for overhead consisting of rent, computer lease and cell phones; \$56,500 for web design; \$5,000 for marketing expenditures; and \$15,000 for travel expenditures. For FY 2023 through half of FY 2028 the estimated amount includes \$152,200 for salaries and wages expenditures for 1.50 FTE positions; \$9,075 for overhead consisting of rent, computer lease and cell phones; \$6,500 for web design; \$5,000 for marketing expenditures; and \$15,000 for travel expenditures. The agency indicates it would require State General Fund until the revenues generated from the newly created fund could support the expenditures.

The Kansas Historical Society states that because the bill requires a designee from the agency to assist with project the agency would require \$7,758 from the State General Fund in FY 2021 and \$15,515 in FY 2022. The funds would support hiring a .25 FTE position. The agency estimates those same expenditures from FY 2022 through half of FY 2028, but with adjustments for increase in wages, insurance, and KPERS. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 236 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the bill would require showcasing all 105 counties as well as the geography of state. It is unclear how enactment of the bill would financially affect each county, but the Association assumes that some work would be done at the

county level. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

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: Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism  
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Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities  
Jay Hall, Association of Counties