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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Sean Tarwater, Chairperson House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Tarwater:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2826 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2826 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2826 would amend the Elevator Safety Act to exclude escalators, power driven stairways, moving walkways, and stairway chair lifts from elevator inspection and safety requirements. The bill would clarify that the Act only applies to newly constructed elevators or elevators that are materially altered after the effective date of the Act, would exempt elevators that are subject to maintenance agreements between the owner and an elevator mechanic licensee, and would allow employees of a licensee to perform inspections. The bill would add to the list of allowable certifications for elevator mechanic license applicants and make licensing optional for elevator technicians and inspectors. The bill would prohibit elevator load tests from being required unless it is necessary due to a documented life and safety issue. The bill would specify that elevator inspections must be performed every five years rather than every year. The fee for any elevator inspection would be capped at \$250.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Expenditures			
State General Fund			
Fee Fund(s)			
Federal Fund			
Total Expenditures			
Revenues			
State General Fund			
Fee Fund(s)		(\$483,200)	(\$483,200)
Federal Fund			
Total Revenues		(\$483,200)	(\$483,200)
FTE Positions			

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The State Fire Marshal indicates that in FY 2025 and FY 2026, the bill would reduce agency revenues by \$483,200. The agency states that by making licenses optional, the bill would reduce elevator service license fees by \$43,200 and reduce elevator inspector license fees by \$5,000. The agency indicates that by requiring elevator inspections every five years rather than every year, the bill would reduce elevator inspection fee revenue by \$435,000. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2826 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jamie Rodvelt, Office of the State Fire Marshal