

March 14, 2022

The Honorable Adam Smith, Chairperson
House Committee on Taxation
Statehouse, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Smith:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2732 by House Committee on Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2732 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2732 would enact the Gage Park Improvement Authority Act. The bill would allow the Shawnee County Commission to place on the ballot a question that creates the Gage Park Improvement Authority and imposes a sales tax in 0.05 percent increments at the rate between 0.2 percent and 0.5 percent. Alternatively, a petition signed by 5.0 percent of the electors can compel the election. If the voters reject the question, then it cannot be resubmitted for a full year. The proceeds from the sales tax would be administered by the Gage Park Improvement Authority to fund the acquisition, construction, improvement, equipping, operation, support, maintenance, and development of the eligible recreational facilities within Shawnee County. The sales tax would be distributed as follows: 22.0 percent to Shawnee County to be used for Gage Park; 58.0 percent to the Topeka Zoo; 15.0 percent to the Kansas Children's Discovery Center; and 5.0 percent to the Gage Park Improvement Authority.

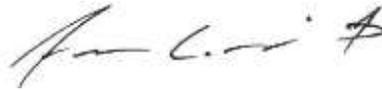
The Gage Park Improvement Authority would be governed by a seven-member board. The membership of the board would include the Shawnee County Parks Director or the Director's designee; Topeka Zoo Director, or Director's designee; Kansas Children's Discovery Center Director, or Director's designee; two members appointed by the Topeka City Council; and two members appointed by the Shawnee County Commission. Appointments of the initial members of the Authority would be made in time for the Authority to hold its first meeting prior to the end of the year in which the Authority was first established. The members appointed by the Topeka City Council and Shawnee County Commission would serve three-year terms and all other terms would expire once they no longer hold those positions. The Authority would select annually from its membership a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. Meetings would be held at least

quarterly within Shawnee County for the purposes of reviewing, discussing, and voting on the allocation of sales tax revenue. The Authority would be subject to the provisions of the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the Kansas Open Records Act.

The Department of Revenue indicates HB 2732 would affect only local sales tax collections in Shawnee County and would have no fiscal effect on state revenues. The Department indicates that the administrative costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates the bill would increase local sales tax collections in Shawnee County to benefit Gage Park, the Topeka Zoo, and the Kansas Children's Discovery Center. The voters of Shawnee County would be required to vote on approving the sales tax rate and the creation of the Gage Park Improvement Authority.

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: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Jay Hall, Association of Counties