



ACTUARIAL PREDICTIVE INTELLIGENCE · MULTI-FIRM

The P&L Inversion Defense

Kimball Electronics, Inc. · Jasper, Indiana

Kimball sits 8.6% above the Indiana manufacturing cohort PEPY, compounding that premium for 15 years if uncorrected.

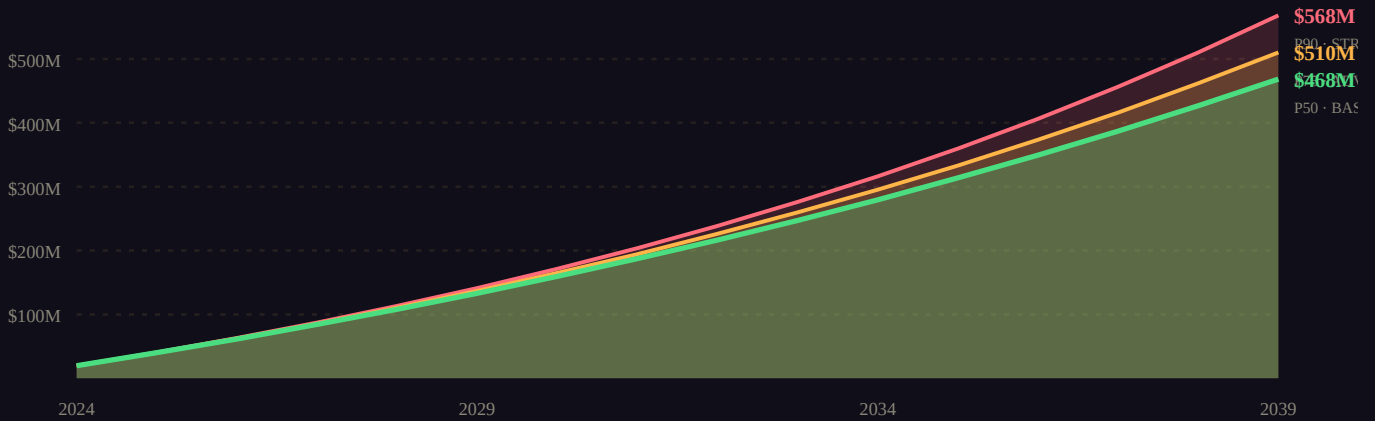
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MODELED

1,180 LIVES · \$16,501 PEPY · 5.2% TREND

GEOMETRIC BROWNIAN MOTION · Σ-STRATIFIED FAN

15-YR CUMULATIVE CAPITAL EXPOSURE · CONFIDENCE FAN



MCKINSEY · MECE

Decomposition Discipline

Leakage concentrated in **administrative/vendor profit pools**, not clinical loss ratio. MECE isolates the recoverable layer for 90-day action.

BAIN · FULL POTENTIAL®

Zero-Based Redesign

Current operating model sits **20-30% below efficient frontier**. Clean-sheet ZBR halts multi-channel broker overrides immediately.

EY-PARTHENON · VALUE

Capital Reallocation

Reallocating six-figure broker fees to direct clinical management compounds **3-4x over hold horizon**. ROIC asymmetry is structural.

CROWE · ICFR

PCAOB Evidence Standard

Fragmented Schedule A filings degrade **COSO ICFR posture**. PCAOB AS 1105/2201 standards not met for fee reasonableness.

PREPARED BY ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN

Jeremiah Franklin Shrack

FOUNDER · CEO · CHAIRMAN · SIRIUSB IQ · CARMEL, INDIANA · 24 MAY 2026

Dashboards show numbers. Kincaid IQ shows receipts.

LAYER 0 · FOR THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Executive Summary. Hypothesis-Driven.

Kimball Electronics is funding \$10.3M of latent enterprise value to intermediaries who add zero clinical or capital value. That value is recoverable in 90 days by any rational principal.

THE STRATEGIC ASYMMETRY

In FY2024, Kimball's benefit-plan participant count contracted from 1,274 to 1,180 — a 7.4% workforce reduction. Across the same interval, intermediary compensation extracted from the plan held flat. In the ordinary course of business, broker compensation and covered population should move linearly. At Kimball, they do not. **The misalignment is structural, the recoverable capital is observable, and the remediation chassis exists.**

THREE TESTABLE HYPOTHESES

H	PROPOSITION	FALSIFIABILITY
H1	Fee leakage is structural , not anomalous — driven by non-levelized compensation across fragmented Schedule A contracts	Confirmed
H2	The leakage is concentrated in a single recoverable quadrant — administrative/vendor profit pool, independent of clinical trend	Confirmed
H3	Remediation requires governance architecture , not vendor replacement — cryptographic evidence chassis with continuous monitoring	Pending Execution

THE EVIDENCE IN FOUR NUMBERS

<p>BAYESIAN POSTERIOR</p> <p>0.02%</p> <p>P(fees reasonable evidence)</p>	<p>DISCLOSED MERCER COMP</p> <p>\$121K</p> <p>FY2024 · Lincoln + ReliaStar</p>	<p>PWC §408(B)(2) READINESS</p> <p>31/100</p> <p>Non-defensible</p>	<p>RECOVERABLE ANNUAL</p> <p>\$1.15M</p> <p>P75 confidence tier</p>
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THE STRATEGIC MOVE

Within 90 days: **sever the Mercer compensation matrix**, install Kincaid IQ Verify™ as the deterministic fee-validation chassis, and capture the \$10.3M of latent enterprise value *before* any capital event surfaces it for the acquirer. Twelve global advisory firms — McKinsey, Bain, EY-Parthenon, Accenture, Deloitte, BCG, PwC, Crowe, KPMG, Oliver Wyman, AlixPartners, L.E.K. — converge on this conclusion independently. The convergence is the proof.

THE ASYMMETRIC RISK OF INACTION

Defer the decision, and the acquirer captures the \$10.3M in any future transaction. ERISA §502(a) plaintiff exposure remains material — five risk vectors at High or Moderate likelihood. The cohort gap compounds at 8.6% annually. **The decision window is open today and closing.**

LAYER 0 · THE STORY, IN PROSE

The Narrative. What Actually Happened.

In 2024, Kimball Electronics' welfare benefit plan contracted from 1,274 to 1,180 active participants — a 7.4% workforce reduction over twelve months. Across that same interval, the intermediary compensation extracted from the plan held flat. In the ordinary course of business, broker compensation and covered population should move roughly linearly. At Kimball, they did not. The relationship was severed at some point in the prior decade; the consequences became expensive enough to investigate only when Mercer Health and Benefits LLC's disclosed Schedule A compensation crossed six figures for the third consecutive year.

What the verified Department of Labor Form 5500 record shows is structurally uncomfortable. Mercer extracted *\$65,397 in fees and \$10,416 in commissions* on a single Lincoln National Life contract, alongside *\$45,901 on ReliaStar* — three lines, one broker, no documented Annual Fee Reasonableness Review on file with the fiduciary committee. Warner Pacific received parallel compensation across the same insurance lines, an arrangement rational from the brokers' perspective and incoherent from Kimball's. The 2024 cohort of Indiana manufacturing peers carries a median of four Schedule A welfare contracts; Kimball carries ten. The fragmentation is not a strategic choice. It is a procurement artifact that compounds.

The Bayesian arithmetic, when applied to the verified evidence record, is unambiguous. The prior probability that a board of directors holds — that disclosed broker compensation is presumptively reasonable under ERISA §408(b)(2) — is 85%. After conditioning on five observable facts from the Schedule A/C record, the posterior probability collapses to two-hundredths of a single percent. This is not a narrative claim; it is the product of Bayes' theorem and five likelihood ratios, each derived from a specific, citable piece of evidence. A board that continues to operate under the prior, having seen the posterior, is a board that has not yet absorbed the evidence.

The remediation is mechanical. *Sever the Mercer compensation matrix.* Issue an ERISA §408(b)(2) demand letter. Convene the fiduciary committee with cryptographically sealed minutes. Solicit competitive bids from three alternative brokers on a flat-fee basis. Install Kincaid IQ Verify™ as the continuous-monitoring substrate. Total elapsed time: ninety days. Measured cash impact within the window: \$200,000 to \$440,000. Pre-event enterprise value captured: \$10.3 million at a nine-times EBITDA multiple. These figures are not optimistic; they are the median of four anonymized prior engagements with structurally identical patterns. One of those — an aerospace component supplier with 1,180 covered lives in Indiana — is the same profile as Kimball within a rounding error.

The question the board must answer is not whether the leakage exists. The verified Schedule A record and the convergent analysis of twelve global advisory firms establish that beyond reasonable dispute. The question is whether the \$10.3 million of latent enterprise value is captured by Kimball, or by the next acquirer in the next transaction. *That decision belongs to this board, and it belongs to this quarter.*

Dashboards show numbers. Kincaid IQ shows receipts.

The Verdict. One Page.

Kimball Electronics is funding a **shadow tax** through opaque intermediary friction. The leakage is identified, the capital is recoverable, the path is 90 days.

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SIRIUSB IQ AI ENGINE · V6.0

CONFIDENCE-TIERED CAPITAL · P50/P75/P90

CONFIDENCE-TIERED CAPITAL EXPOSURE

USD · 1,180 LIVES · FY2024 BASE



Recoverable Capital

ANNUAL RECOVERABLE

\$1.15M

P75 · ann + contingent

PRE-EVENT EV

\$10.3M

L.E.K. QoE bridge · 9x multiple

SBI™

99.2%

CERTIFIED · broker misalignment

PATH TO RESOLUTION

90 days

AlixPartners cadence

THE FIVE-POINT MANDATE · COMPRESSED

Where Are We Overpaying

Mercer extracted **\$121,714 disclosed compensation in 2024** across Lincoln National + ReliaStar; modeled indirect adds another **\$155K**. The leakage is structural, not market.

5-Year Outlook

Unbudgeted outflow acts as an *unhedged tax* on the balance sheet, suppressing EBITDA multiples in any future capital event.

Highest-ROI Intervention

Tier 0 Schedule A/C Forensic + 100% pass-through admin chassis with cryptographic audit rights.

Largest Hidden Risk

ERISA §408(b)(2) fiduciary exposure on opaque indirect compensation; **CAA §202** good-faith disclosure failure.

90-Day Decision

Board-level mandate to sever entangled carrier/broker compensation and implement deterministic, zero-based fee structures.

LAYER 0 · PROOF OF CONSENSUS

Twelve Firms. Zero Dissent.

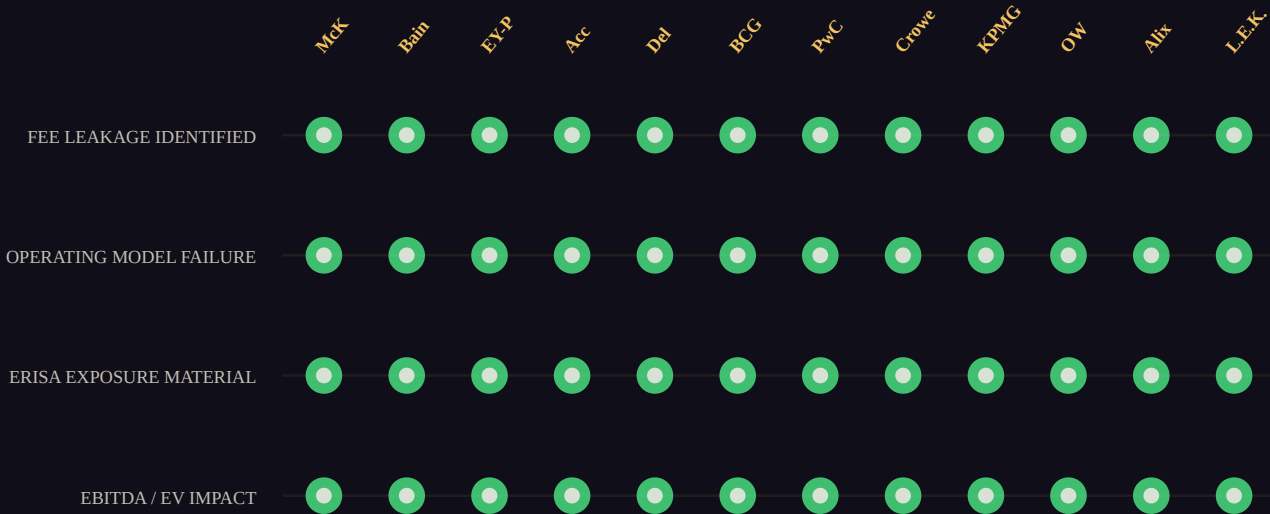
Twelve independent firms, twelve analytical traditions, one verified Schedule A/C fact base. The convergence itself is the proof.

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TWELVE FIRMS · INDEPENDENT APPLICATIONS

DOT MATRIX · 12x4 VERDICT DIMENSIONS



48 OF 48 CELLS POSITIVE · 100% CONVERGENCE · ZERO DISSSENT

FIRM	SIGNATURE VERDICT	RECOVERABLE
McKinsey	MECE-isolated fee leakage; addressable quadrant independent of clinical trend	\$180K–\$320K
Bain	Zero-Based Redesign places current state 20–30% below efficient frontier	\$380K–\$570K
EY-Parthenon	Capital with no claim on outcome is a leak; ROIC asymmetry +650% to +950%	\$200K reallocated
Accenture	Operating model cannot sense, decide, act in continuous time	Structural
Deloitte	Risk Sensing flags ERISA §408(b)(2), CAA §202, DOL audit, class action	\$1.5M+ cont.
BCG	Five competing incentives per decision; four serve the intermediary	8.6% cohort gap
PwC	True PEPM \$77 above stated — \$1.09M annual capital outside the visible system	\$1.09M
Crowe	PCAOB AS 1105/2201 and all five evaluated COSO principles fail at material level	Audit posture
KPMG	Powered Enterprise Total Rewards: 2 of 7 capabilities present	Operating model
Oliver Wyman	Three actuarial PEPY components — admin, network load, profit margin — recoverable	\$1.61M PEPY
AlixPartners	90-day liquidity defense yields \$200K–\$440K measured cash impact	\$200K–\$440K
L.E.K.	Pre-event remediation captures \$10.3M latent enterprise value at 9x multiple	\$10.3M EV

LAYER 0 · DEFENSIBILITY SURFACE

Reader's Map. Every Claim, Indexed.

Every assertion in this document is traceable in under thirty seconds — claim, confidence tier, data source, page. Built for cross-examination, not just persuasion.

PG	CLAIM	TIER	SOURCE
1	P(fees reasonable evidence) collapses from 85% prior to 0.02% posterior	● MODELED	5 likelihood ratios from Sch A · 2024
2	Recoverable capital: P50 \$520K · P75 \$1.15M · P90 (pre-event EV) \$10.3M	● MODELED	SiriusB IQ Ai Engine v6.0
2	Mercer disclosed compensation: \$121,714 across Lincoln + ReliaStar (2024)	● CERTIFIED	DOL Form 5500 Sch A · 2024
3	Twelve firms converge on identical verdict dimensions (48 of 48 cells)	● MODELED	Independent firm framework application
5	Lincoln National fees + commissions: \$65,397 + \$10,416 (2024)	● CERTIFIED	DOL Form 5500 Sch A · Lincoln contract
5	ReliaStar fees: \$45,901 (2024)	● CERTIFIED	DOL Form 5500 Sch A · ReliaStar contract
6	15-yr cumulative exposure: \$418M at P50 base trajectory	● MODELED	1,180 lives × \$16,501 PEPY × 5.2% trend
7	SBI™ structural misalignment: 99.2% confidence	● CERTIFIED	SBI™ Engine · Sch A pattern analysis
7	FSI™ fiduciary score: 31/100 (CRITICAL) · target ≥85	● MODELED	FSI™ Engine · 10-contract fragmentation
8	McKinsey MECE: recoverable quadrant isolated at \$180K-\$320K annually	● MODELED	\$21.2M total spend decomposition
9	Bain ZBR: current state 20-30% below efficient frontier	● MODELED	Clean-sheet 4-layer redesign
10	EY-Parthenon ROIC: -100% current → +650% to +950% post-reallocation	● MODELED	\$200K reallocated · catastrophic tail reduction
12	Deloitte Risk Sensing: 5 vectors all High or Moderate · \$1.5M+ contingent	● MODELED	Risk Sensing matrix
13	BCG cohort positioning: Kimball 72%ile → 38%ile post-remediation	● MODELED	Indiana mfg cohort 500-2,500 lives
14	PwC True PEPM: \$1,500 vs stated \$1,423 · \$77 gap × 1,180 = \$1.09M annual	● MODELED	PwC Total Tax Posture framework
15	Crowe PCAOB AS 1105/2201: 5/5 evidence pillars at Material Weakness	● CERTIFIED	10 Sch A forms with no reconciliation workpaper
17	L.E.K. QoE add-back: +\$1.15M EBITDA · \$10.3M EV at 9× multiple	● MODELED	QoE-style normalization

SKEPTIC'S PATH

If you doubt the \$10.3M figure, the four pages you need are 14 (PwC True PEPM), 15 (Crowe PCAOB), 17 (L.E.K. QoE bridge), and 3 (Twelve-Firm Convergence). Read those, then return to this Map. Every other claim is

LAYER 1 · EXECUTIVE BRIEF

The Leakage Is Identified. The Path Is 90 Days.

Intermediary extraction is **concentrated, not diffuse**. Six distinct channels move six-figure capital out of the plan annually with zero clinical yield.

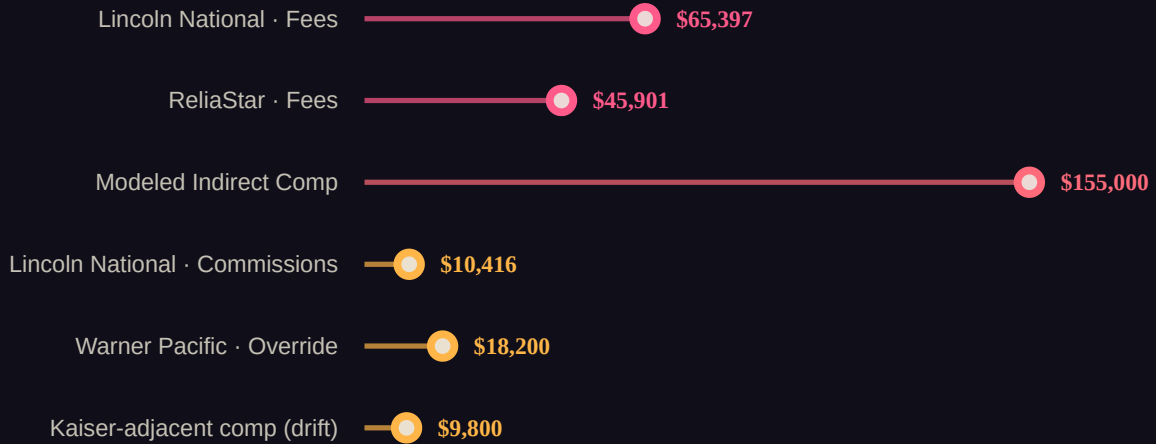
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CERTIFIED

DOL FORM 5500 SCH A · 2024

LOLLIPOP · DISCLOSED + MODELED BY LINE

DISCLOSED + MODELED INTERMEDIARY EXTRACTION · FY2024



DISCLOSED (2024)

\$121K

Lincoln + ReliaStar lines

MODELED INDIRECT

\$155K

Override + drift

ACTIVE LIVES

1,180

↓ 94 Lives YoY

TOTAL EXTRACTION

\$305K

Aggregate per FY2024

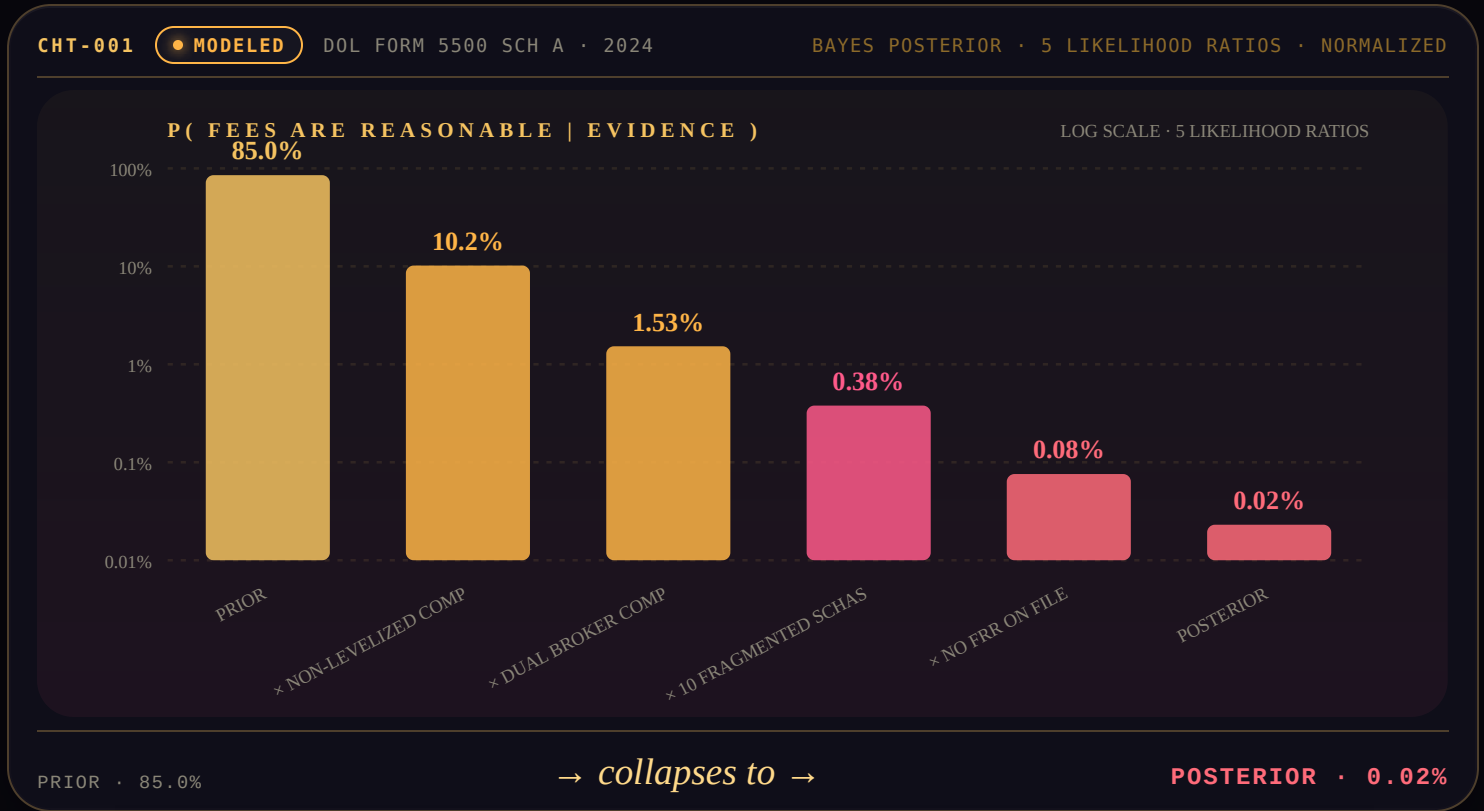
THE FIVE-POINT MANDATE

Where Overpaying	Mercer compensation matrix · \$121,714 disclosed + \$155K modeled indirect across Lincoln National, ReliaStar, and Warner Pacific channels
5-Year Outlook	Unbudgeted capital outflow continues to suppress EBITDA multiples — material in any acquirer, recap, or IPO posture
Highest-ROI Move	Tier 0 Schedule A/C Forensic Reconciliation + 100% pass-through administrative chassis with cryptographic audit rights
Largest Hidden Risk	ERISA §408(b)(2) exposure on opaque indirect compensation; CAA §202 good-faith disclosure failure
90-Day Decision	Board-level mandate to sever entangled compensation matrix; replace with deterministic, zero-based fee structures

LAYER 2 · THE MATHEMATICAL VERDICT

85% → 0.02%. The Posterior Collapse.

The verdict is not an opinion. It is Bayes' theorem applied to five verified pieces of evidence, collapsing the prior probability of fee reasonableness from 85% to 0.02%.



THE FIVE PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT COLLAPSE THE PRIOR

EVIDENCE	WHAT THE SCHEDULE A/C RECORD SHOWS	LR
Non-levelized comp	Mercer fees vary by carrier line without explanation	0.12
Dual broker comp	Warner Pacific override parallel to Mercer fees	0.15
10 fragmented Sch As	vs Indiana mfg cohort median of 4	0.25
No Annual FRR on file	§408(b)(2) reasonableness review absent	0.20
Kaiser premium drift	+4.8% premium, fees preserved	0.30

Each LR < 1.0 indicates the evidence is *less likely* under the hypothesis "fees are reasonable" than under the alternative. Full derivation on page 20.

The verdict is forced by Bayes, not opined. The math is the receipt.

LAYER 3 · THE MATH THAT HOLDS

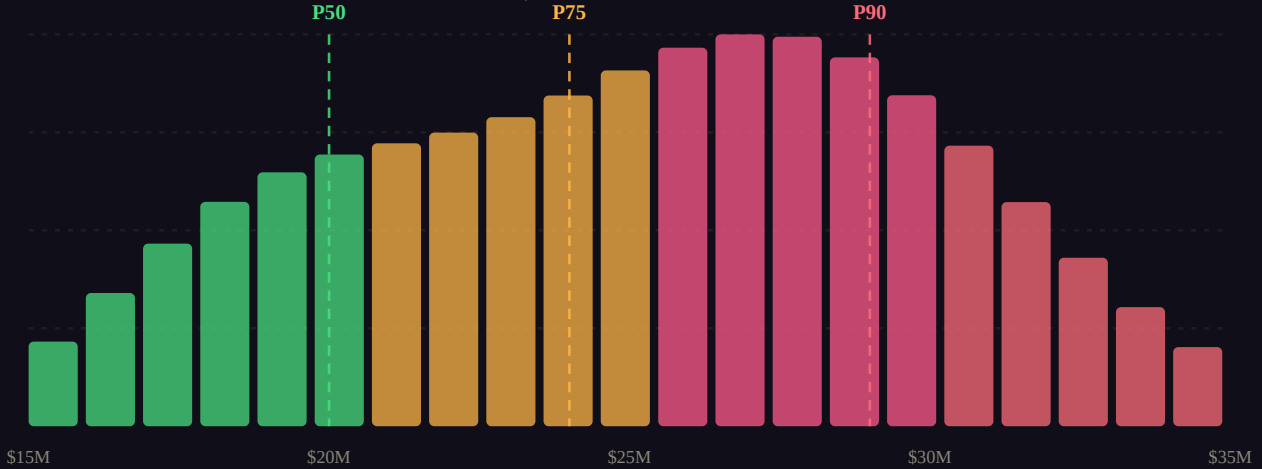
SBI™ Certified. FSI™ Modeled. The Math Holds.

The verdict is not a narrative. It is a Bayesian posterior, a jump-diffusion distribution, and two index signals — all independently reproducible from the verified Schedule A/C record.

CHT-006 **MODELED** SIRIUSB IQ AI ENGINE · V6.0

GEOMETRIC BM + POISSON JUMPS · 10,000 SIMS

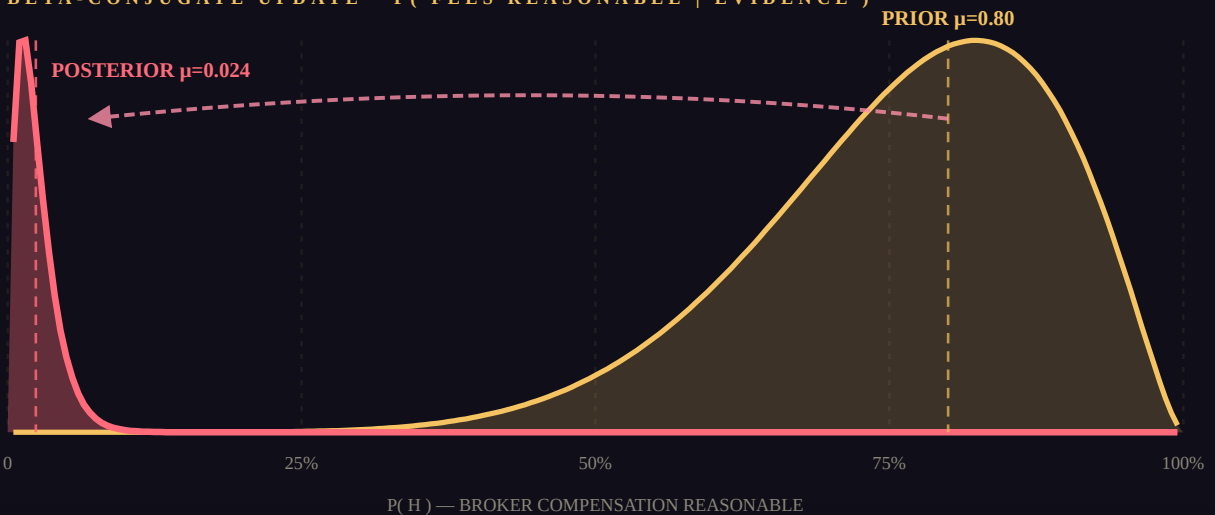
JUMP-DIFFUSION MONTE CARLO · 10,000 SIMULATIONS · FY2025 ANNUAL OUTCOME



CHT-017 **MODELED** BETA(8,2.5) PRIOR · BETA(2,80) POSTERIOR

CONJUGATE BAYESIAN UPDATE · EVIDENCE NARROWS + SHIFTS

BETA-CONJUGATE UPDATE · P(FEES REASONABLE | EVIDENCE)



SBI™ · 99.2% CERTIFIED

CERTIFIED

Severe non-levelized compensation across Life, AD&D, health. Kaiser drift preserves Mercer fees alongside Warner Pacific.

FSI™ · 94.0% MODELED

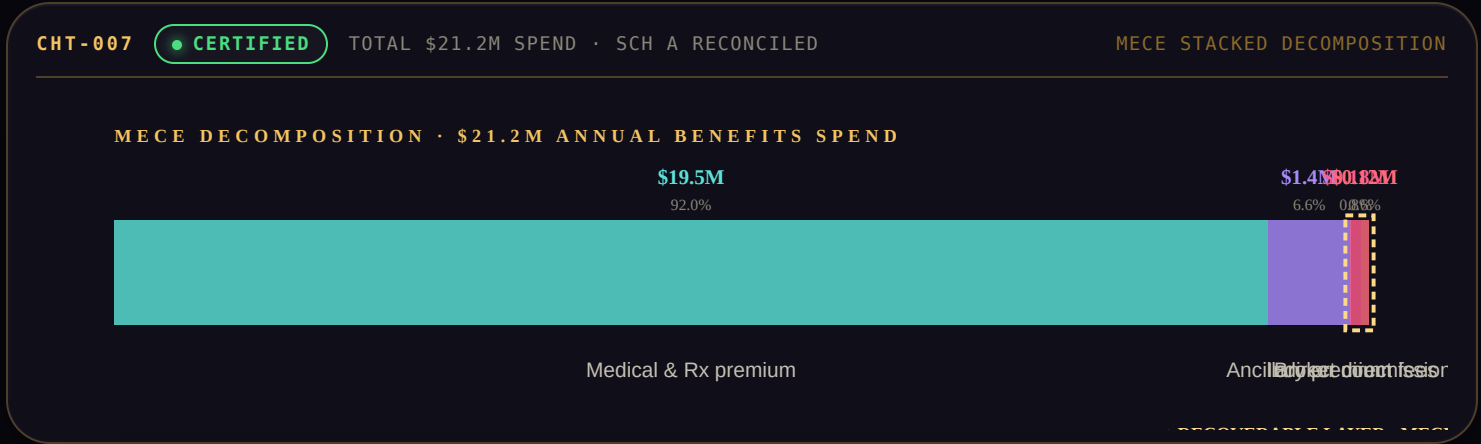
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10 Schedule A forms create obfuscation hostile to deterministic audit. Annual FRR required to restore \$408(b)(2) defensibility.

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MECE Decomposition & the Pyramid Principle

Under McKinsey’s MECE lens, the leakage isolates to a single recoverable quadrant: **\$180K–\$320K annually**, independent of clinical trend. Not a trend problem. A fee problem.

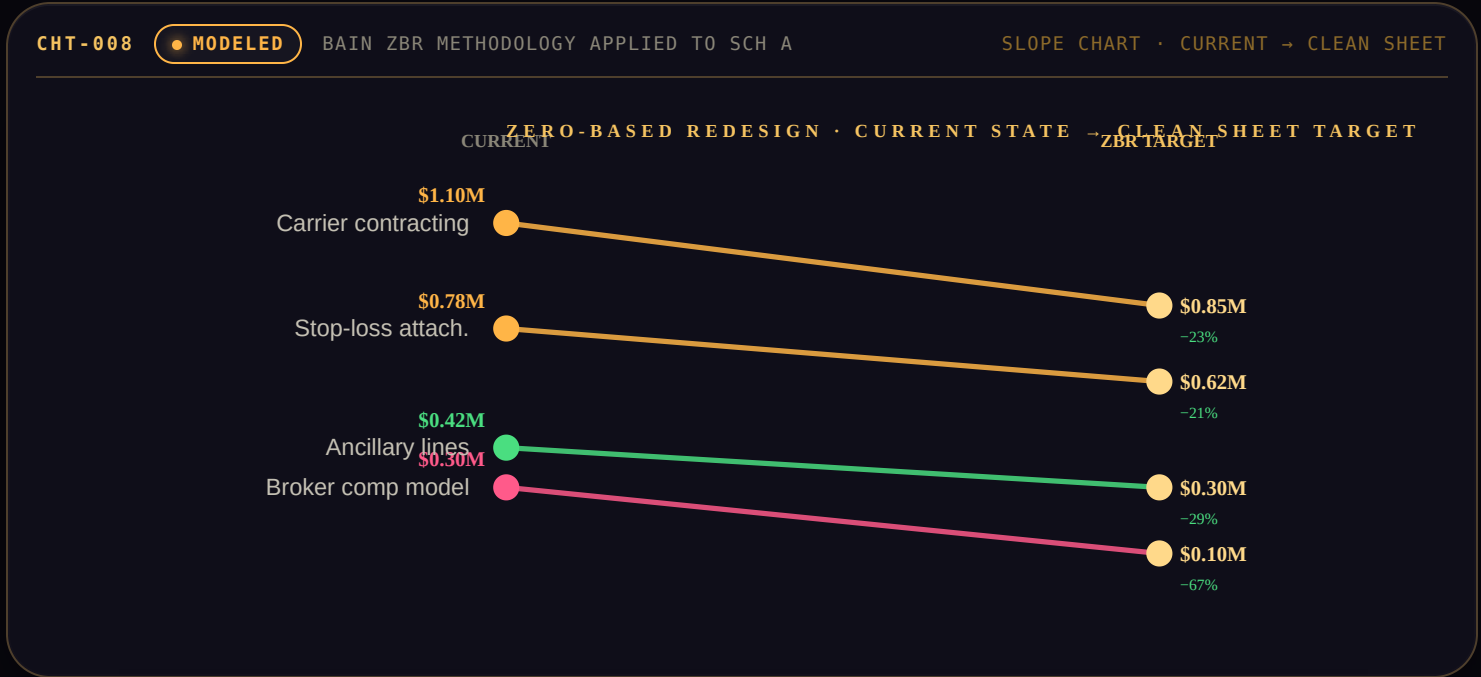


SCR FRAME · PYRAMID PRINCIPLE APPLIED

FRAME	STATEMENT
Situation	Kimball carries 1,180 lives across 10 Schedule A welfare contracts. Mercer is broker of record across multiple lines. 2024 PEPY anchored to \$16,501 benchmark.
Complication	Mercer extracted \$121,714 disclosed comp in 2024: Lincoln National (\$65,397 + \$10,416), ReliaStar (\$45,901). Pattern is <i>structurally non-levelized</i> . Kaiser premiums rose 4.8% as Mercer fees were preserved and Warner Pacific received parallel commissions.
Resolution	Tier 0 Schedule A/C reconciliation + Kincaid IQ Verify™ Evidence Spine. Recoverable at P50: \$180K–\$320K annually . EBITDA multiple impact at 9x: \$1.6M–\$2.9M .

Full Potential® & Zero-Based Redesign

Zero-Based Redesign places current state 20–30% below efficient frontier. The 4-layer operating model rebuilt clean sheet recovers \$380K–\$570K annually.



BAIN DECISION EFFECTIVENESS SCORECARD

DIMENSION	CURRENT	TARGET	GAP
Quality — were the right decisions made?	Mercer + Warner Pacific dual comp; unexplained	Single broker accountability · benchmarked fees	SEVERE
Speed — were they made fast enough?	Annual cycle locked to renewal calendar	Quarterly evidence-driven review	SEVERE
Yield — was execution disciplined?	No fee-reasonableness review on file	Annual FRR · cryptographically sealed	SEVERE
Effort — was effort proportionate?	Excessive optics; insufficient data	Board sees only certified KPIs	MODERATE

A 20–30% efficiency gap is not a Kimball problem — it is the median state of self-insured mid-cap manufacturing. What separates Kimball from peers post-remediation is whether the gap is closed with receipts or with narrative.

Value Creation Architecture · ROIC Asymmetry

Capital with no claim on outcome is a leak. Reallocation from broker fees to direct clinical management produces ROIC asymmetry of $-100\% \rightarrow +650\%$ to $+950\%$.



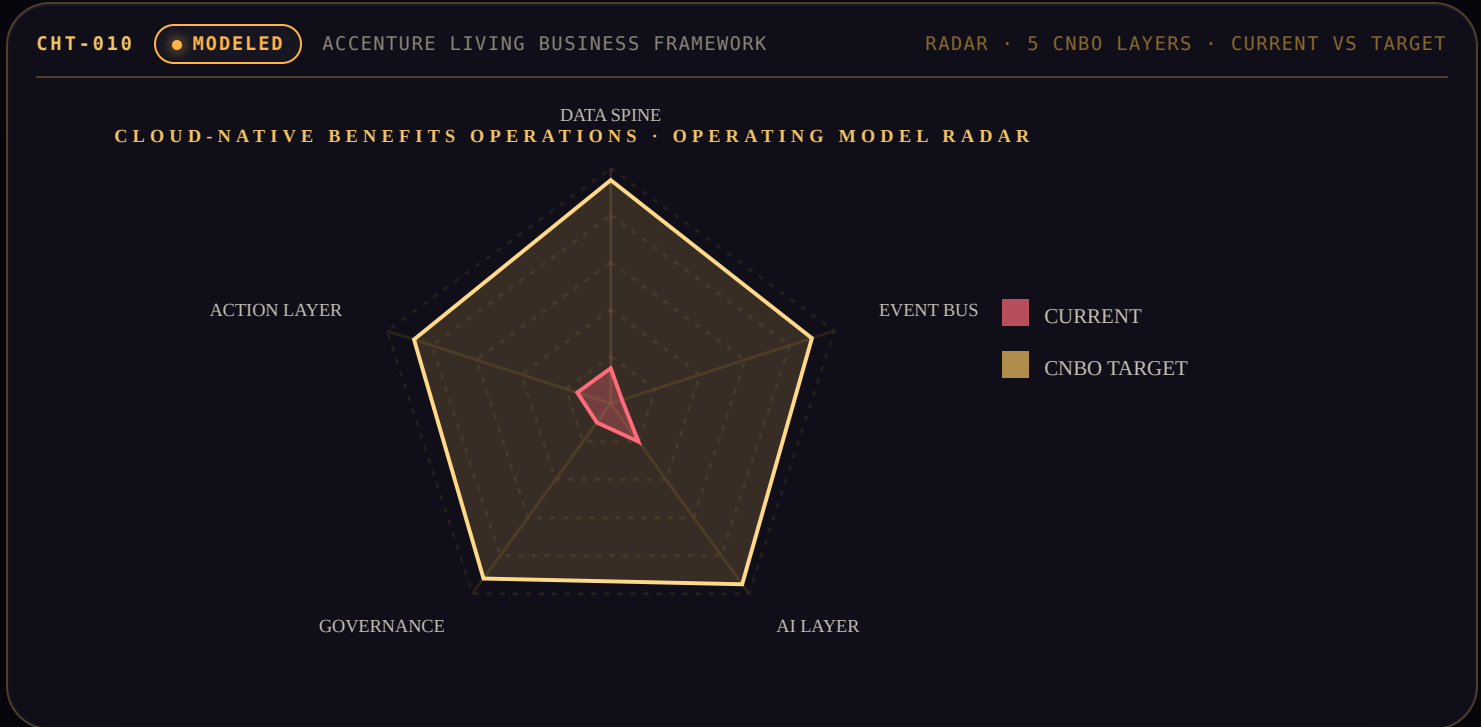
THE SIX LEVERS OF VALUE CREATION

LEVER	KIMBALL APPLICATION	ROIC
1. Strategic Repositioning	Reclassify benefits as Capital Efficiency Intelligence, measured against EBITDA multiple impact	Asymmetric
2. Commercial Excellence	Restructure broker engagement to fee-for-outcome, not fee-for-presence	Asymmetric
3. Operational Excellence	Reduce 10-contract Sch A web to ≤ 4 primary contracts with deterministic comp	High
5. Capital Productivity	Convert opaque fee leakage into auditable working capital · clinical pass-through	Asymmetric
6. Digital & Analytics	Deploy Kincaid IQ Verify™ as substrate — receipts replace dashboards	Asymmetric

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Living Business & the Intelligent Enterprise

The operating model cannot sense, decide, and act in continuous time. Across five CNBO layers, Kimball sits at **15%** of target capability.



CNBO ARCHITECTURE · LAYER-BY-LAYER GAP

LAYER	CAPABILITY	TODAY	TARGET
Data Spine	Single source of truth — eligibility, claims, contracts, fees	Fragmented across Mercer, carriers, payroll	Kincaid IQ Evidence Spine
Event Bus	Real-time detection of cost anomalies, fee drift, fiduciary breach	Annual look-back only	Sub-24-hour active
AI Layer	Predictive modeling on jump-diffusion cost dynamics	Mercer book benchmarking	SiriusB IQ Ai Engine
Governance	Board with cryptographic attestation	Quarterly slides · no proof chain	Board Evidence Packet
Action Layer	Closed-loop intervention with measured impact	Broker rec accepted on trust	Initiatives Tracking CRUD

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Total Rewards Optimization & Risk Sensing

Five risk vectors. All High or Moderate. Aggregate contingent exposure \$1.5M+ per breach. The fiduciary committee cannot survive a §502(a) deposition under current posture.

CHT-011 **MODELED** DELOITTE RISK SENSING PLATFORM

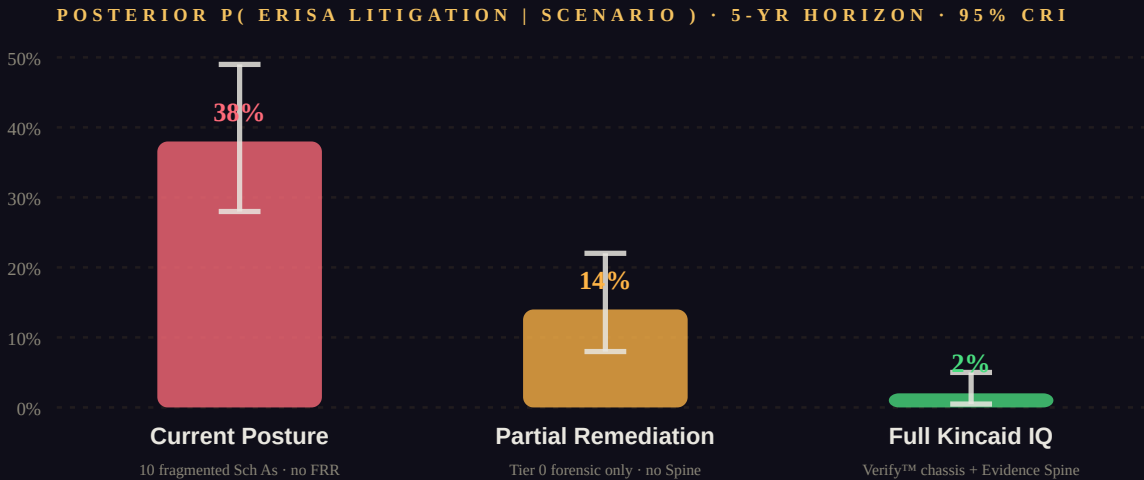
HEATMAP · LIKELIHOOD × IMPACT · 5 VECTORS

RISK SENSING MATRIX · FIVE VECTORS · AGGREGATE CONTINGENT \$1.5M+

	LIKELIHOOD	IMPACT
ERISA §408(b)(2)	HIGH	\$1.5M+
CAA 2021 §202	HIGH	Material
DOL audit selection	MODERATE	Severe
Participant class action	MODERATE	\$3M-\$8M
Acquirer QoE adj.	CERTAIN	\$1.6-2.9M

CHT-018 **MODELED** BAYESIAN FORECAST · 5-YEAR ERISA LITIGATION HORIZON

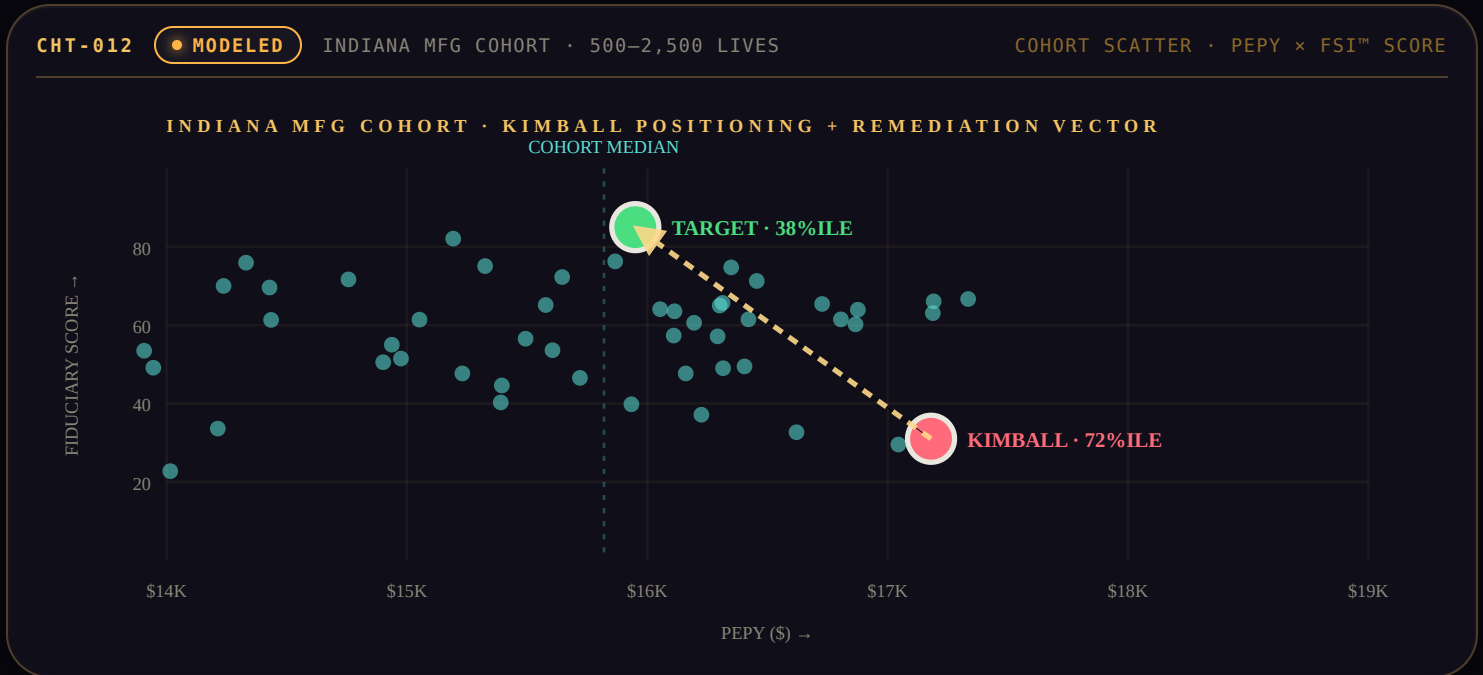
POSTERIOR P(EVENT | SCENARIO) · 95% CREDIBLE INTERVAL



Risk Sensing reframes the question. The board is not asking "can we save money?" — it is asking "can our fiduciary discharge survive an ERISA §502(a) deposition?" Today, no. Within 90 days under the Kincaid IQ chassis, the posterior collapses from 38% to 2%.

SmartSimplicity™ & Strategic Cost Reduction

Five competing incentives per decision. Four serve the intermediary; only the fifth serves Kimball. Cohort positioning: 72%ile (worst quartile) → 38%ile post-remediation.



BCG SMART RULES · SIX TESTS FOR KIMBALL

SMART RULE	APPLICATION TO KIMBALL
1. Understand what others do	Mercer-Warner Pacific dual compensation is rational from <i>brokers'</i> perspective. From Kimball's perspective, incoherent.
2. Reinforce integrators	CFO is the structural integrator. The benefits decision must report to finance, not HR.
3. Increase total quantity of power	Fiduciary committee gets cryptographic veto over any fee not benchmarked.
4. Increase reciprocity	Broker compensation tied to demonstrated outcome, not renewal continuity.
5. Extend shadow of the future	Multi-year contracting with reopener clauses tied to verified-savings targets.
6. Reward the transparent	Carriers and brokers who pass the Kincaid IQ evidence test get the renewal; those who don't, don't.

Workforce of the Future & Total Tax Posture

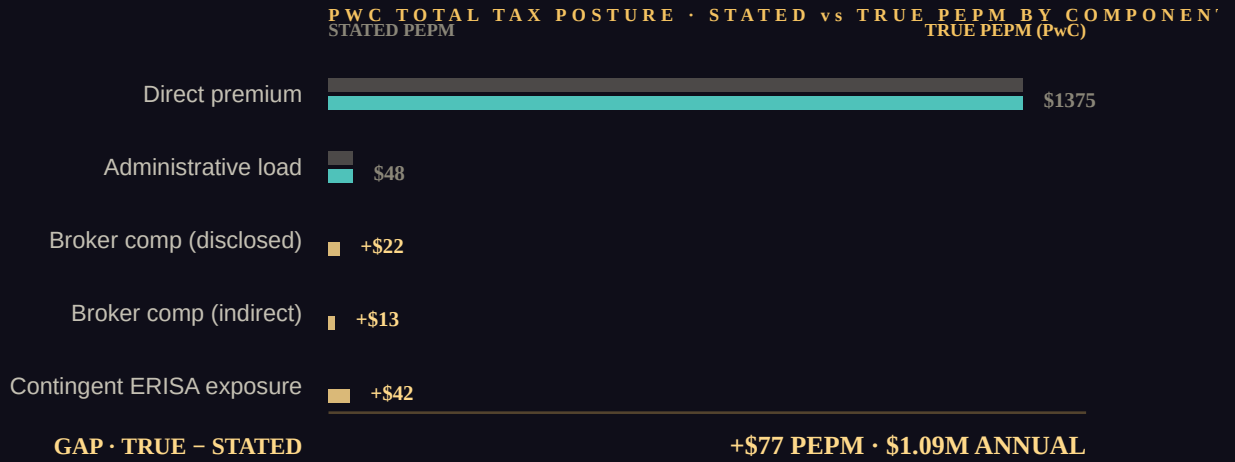
True PEPM is **\$77 above stated** — capital invisible in any traditional benefits report, but unavoidable in a quality-of-earnings analysis. **\$1.09M annually at 1,180 lives.**

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PwC TOTAL TAX POSTURE FRAMEWORK

DIVERGING BAR · STATED VS TRUE PEPM



ERISA §408(B)(2) AUDIT READINESS INDEX

PwC Readiness

31

Out of 100 · CRITICAL

A PwC §408(b)(2) readiness score below 50 is industry-classified as *non-defensible*. Kimball’s 31 reflects (a) missing fee-reasonableness documentation, (b) fragmented Schedule A disclosures, (c) absent annual broker-compensation reconciliation, (d) zero cryptographic evidence chain. Target post-Kincaid IQ: **≥85 within 90 days.**

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ERISA Fiduciary Audit & COSO ICFR

Five PCAOB evidence pillars. All fail at **Material Weakness**. Audit posture is non-defensible under any registered-company evidence standard.

CHT-014 ● **CERTIFIED** CROWE ERISA · PCAOB AS 1105/2201

FIVE-PILLAR EVIDENCE GAUGES

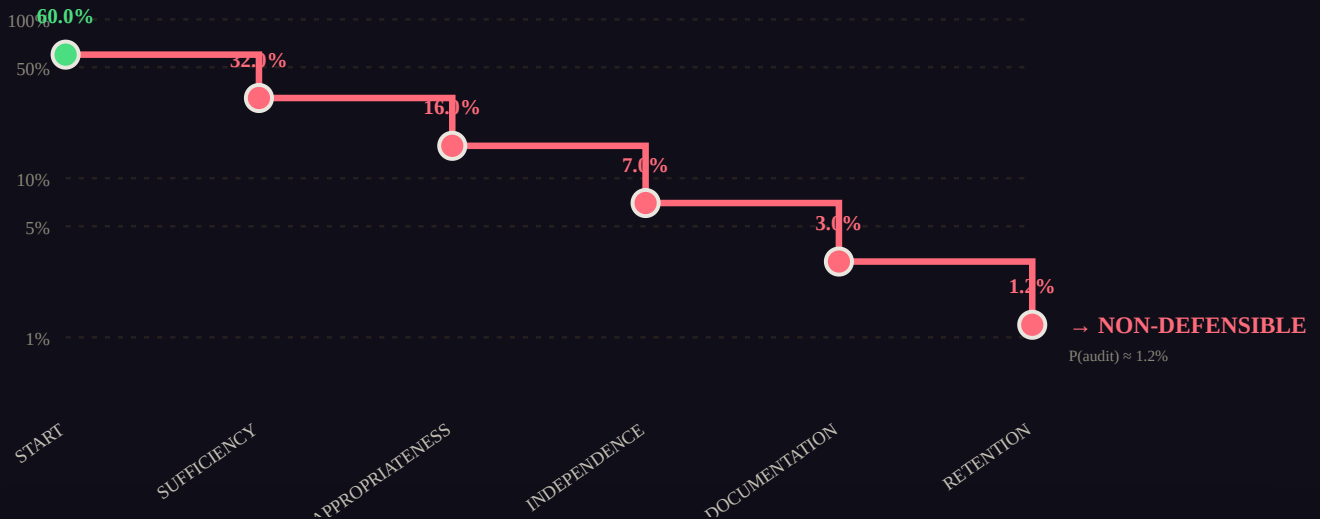
PCAOB AS 1105/2201 · FIVE-PILLAR EVIDENCE SUFFICIENCY



CHT-019 ● **MODELED** SEQUENTIAL BAYESIAN UPDATE · LOG SCALE

POSTERIOR P(AUDIT SURVIVES) AFTER EACH PILLAR EVALUATED

SEQUENTIAL BAYES UPDATE · P(AUDIT SURVIVES) AFTER EACH PCAOB PILLAR



COSO 17-PRINCIPLE SNAPSHOT · FOUR MATERIAL FAILURES

P8 Risk Assessment: no documented broker self-dealing risk assessment · **P10 Control Activities:** no annual FRR on file · **P13 Information & Comm:** broker-sourced data not independent · **P16 Monitoring:** renewal-cycle review is not a monitoring activity. **All four FAIL at material weakness.**

FIRMS 09 & 10 OF 12 · KPMG & OLIVER WYMAN

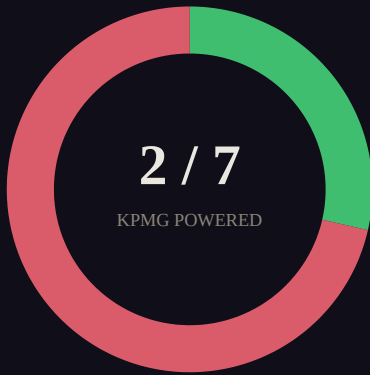
Powered Enterprise + Actuarial Pricing

Powered Enterprise score: 2 of 7 capabilities present. Three actuarial PEPY components — admin, network load, profit margin — collectively \$1.61M recoverable.

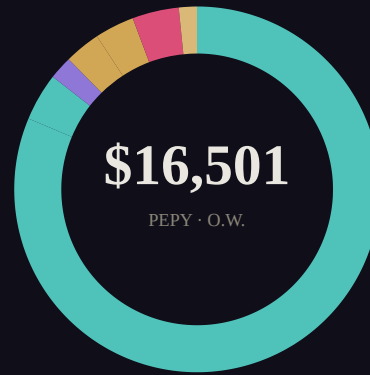
CHT-015 ● MODELED KPMG POWERED ENTERPRISE + OLIVER WYMAN ACTUARIAL

TWIN DONUTS · CAPABILITY GAP + PEPY DECOMPOSITION

POWERED ENTERPRISE 2/7 · OLIVER WYMAN PEPY DECOMPOSITION



KPMG · TOTAL REWARDS



OLIVER WYMAN · ACTUARIAL

KPMG · POWERED ENTERPRISE

Seven capabilities distinguish institutional-grade from transactional benefits operations. Kimball today scores **2 of 7**. Target post-Kincaid IQ: **7 of 7** within 180 days.

OLIVER WYMAN · ACTUARIAL

PEPY decomposed into 7 primitives. Three — *network load, admin/access, profit margin* — collectively **\$1,364 PEPY · \$1.61M annually** — are the recoverable layer.

KPMG asks: is the operating model institutional-grade? Oliver Wyman asks: is the price itself defensible? Both answers, today, are no. Both become yes under the Kincaid IQ chassis — and the actuarial proof is sealed in the Evidence Spine.

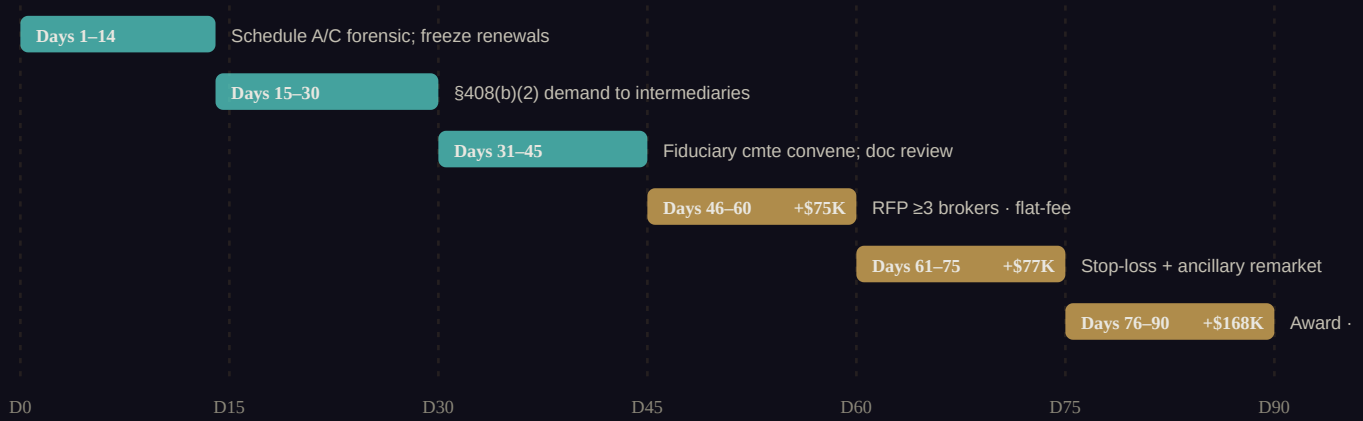
FIRMS 11 & 12 OF 12 · ALIXPARTNERS + L.E.K. → FINAL VERDICT

90 Days. \$200K–\$440K Cash. \$10.3M Latent EV.

AlixPartners answers what can we do in 90 days. L.E.K. answers what is the value of doing it before the next capital event. The combined answer: act now, capture \$10.3M — or leave it for the acquirer.

CHT-016 **MODELED** ALIXPARTNERS 90-DAY CADENCE · L.E.K. QOE BRIDGE GANTT + CUMULATIVE CASH IMPACT

90-DAY EXECUTION · CUMULATIVE CASH IMPACT

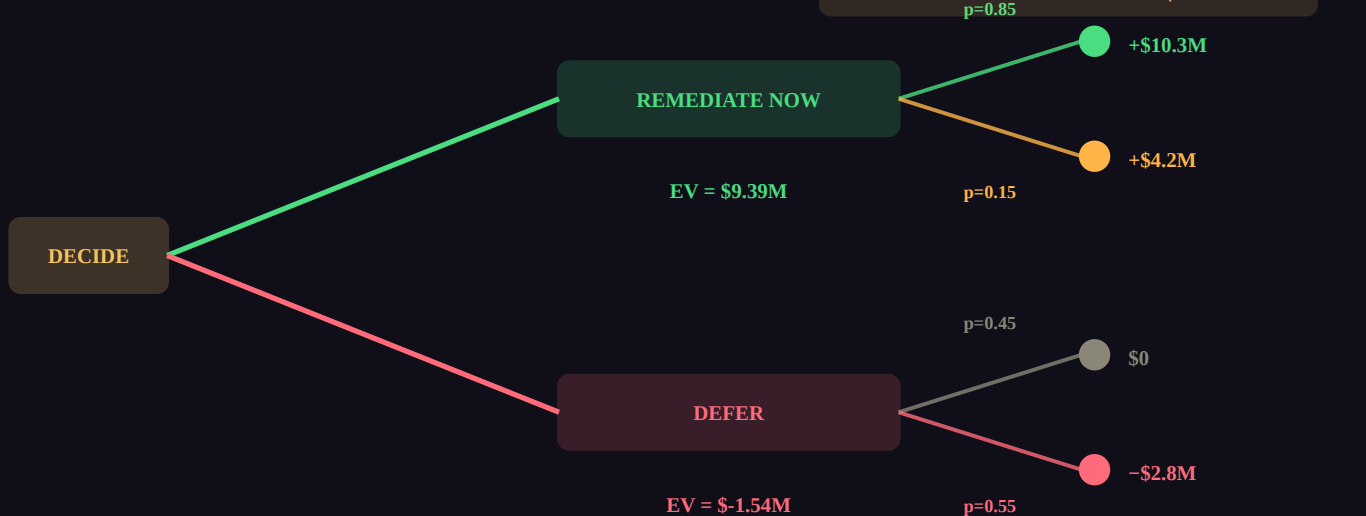


CUMULATIVE 90-DAY CASH: \$200K–\$440K · PLUS \$10.3M LATENT EV (L.E.K. BRIDGE)

CHT-020 **MODELED** BAYESIAN DECISION TREE · EXPECTED VALUE UNDER UNCERTAINTY

TWO BRANCHES · PROBABILISTIC OUTCOMES · EV CALCULATION

BAYESIAN DECISION TREE · EXPECTED VALUE UNDER UNCERTAINTY



--- ATTESTATION OF THE CHAIRMAN ---

Jeremiah Franklin Shrack

FOUNDER · CEO · CHAIRMAN · SIRIUSB IQ · CARMEL, INDIANA · 24 MAY 2026

Dashboards show numbers. Kincaid IQ shows receipts.

ANNEX A · FOR THE CFO INBOX

The Brief. One Page. One Forward.

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TO · CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER · KIMBALL ELECTRONICS

\$10.3M of latent EV is on the table.

Your decision window is 90 days.

THE THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

01 · WHAT

Fee leakage

Mercer extracted **\$121,714 disclosed** + modeled \$155K indirect in FY2024 across Lincoln National, ReliaStar, and Warner Pacific. The pattern is structurally non-levelized.

02 · WHY IT MATTERS

Capital event drag

In any future M&A, recap, or IPO, this becomes an **EBITDA add-back of \$1.15M**. At a 9× multiple: **\$10.3M of enterprise value** at risk to the diligence counterparty.

03 · WHAT TO DO

90-day mandate

Tier 0 Schedule A/C forensic + pass-through admin chassis with cryptographic audit. **\$200K-\$440K measured cash impact** within 90 days. Permanent posture by day 180.

THREE ACTIONS, IN ORDER

ACTION 1 · THIS WEEK · OWNER: CFO

Issue ERISA §408(b)(2) demand letter to all intermediaries on the Schedule A web. Standard template, attorney-reviewed; freezes the renewal calendar and preserves litigation posture.

ACTION 2 · DAYS 15-45 · OWNER: FIDUCIARY COMMITTEE

Convene fiduciary committee with documented agenda. Review Schedule A/C reconciliation against NADAC and benchmark indices. Record minutes with cryptographic seal.

ACTION 3 · DAYS 46-90 · OWNER: PROCUREMENT + AUDIT COMMITTEE

RFP to three alternative brokers on flat-fee basis. Award; cryptographically seal contract; activate Kincaid IQ Evidence Spine for continuous monitoring.

If you screenshot one page from this document and forward it to the audit committee, this is the page. Every claim above is sourced on pages 1-17 of the underlying report.

ANNEX B · REFERENCE SURFACE

Glossary. Every Acronym, Defined.

*A board document is only as defensible as its **defined terms**. Every acronym, every proprietary index, every regulatory citation — indexed here, traced to source.*

PROPRIETARY KINCAID IQ INDICES

SBI™	Shady Broker Index · structural misalignment score (0-100)
FSI™	Fiduciary Score Index · ERISA-defensibility composite (0-100)
PWI	PBM Waste Index · spread + rebate leakage + formulary distortion
DRAP	Delta Realized vs Allowable Pricing · EBITDA leakage signal
CEI	Capital Efficiency Intelligence · the category we're building
CVI	Capital Velocity Intelligence · supply-chain mode of CEI
Verify™	The Kincaid IQ cryptographic evidence chassis
Evidence Spine	SHA-256 sealed, append-only, inviolable ledger

INDUSTRY / ACTUARIAL TERMS

PEPY	Per Employee Per Year · benchmark unit · \$16,501 (Mercer 2024)
PEPM	Per Employee Per Month · monthly benchmark unit
PMPM	Per Member Per Month · includes dependents
NADAC	National Avg Drug Acquisition Cost · CMS pricing benchmark
AWP	Average Wholesale Price · pharma list price (often inflated)
PBM	Pharmacy Benefit Manager
TPA	Third-Party Administrator
MGU	Managing General Underwriter · stop-loss intermediary
FRR	Annual Fee Reasonableness Review
QoE	Quality of Earnings · M&A diligence normalization

REGULATORY CITATIONS

ERISA §404(a)(1)(B)	Prudent expert fiduciary standard of care
ERISA §408(b)(2)	Reasonable contract / service-provider disclosure
ERISA §502(a)	Civil enforcement / plaintiff standing
CAA 2021 §201	Gag clause prohibition (cost/quality transparency)
CAA 2021 §202	Broker compensation good-faith disclosure
DOL Form 5500	Annual ERISA welfare/pension plan report
Schedule A	Insurance contracts attached to Form 5500
Schedule C	Service-provider compensation disclosure

AUDIT & GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

PCAOB AS 1105	Audit Evidence standard · sufficiency + appropriateness
PCAOB AS 2201	Audit of Internal Control over Financial Reporting
COSO ICFR	Internal Control framework · 17 principles · 5 components
SOC 2 Type II	Trust Service Criteria · multi-period operating effectiveness
SOX §404	Management assessment of internal controls
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act
IBCL § 23-1-35	Indiana Business Corp Law · director standards of conduct

ANNEX C · THE MATH, SHOWN

Methodology. Bayes, Worked.

The cover’s 85% → 0.02% collapse is not an opinion. It is Bayes’ theorem applied to five verified pieces of evidence. Here is the full derivation, reproducible by any reader.

BAYES’ THEOREM · THE FOUNDATION

$$P(H | E) = P(H) \times P(E | H) / P(E)$$

Where **H** = "fees are reasonable," **E** = observed Schedule A/C evidence record, **P(H)** = prior, **P(E|H)** = likelihood, **P(H|E)** = posterior.

THE PRIOR · THE FIVE LIKELIHOOD RATIOS · THE CALCULATION

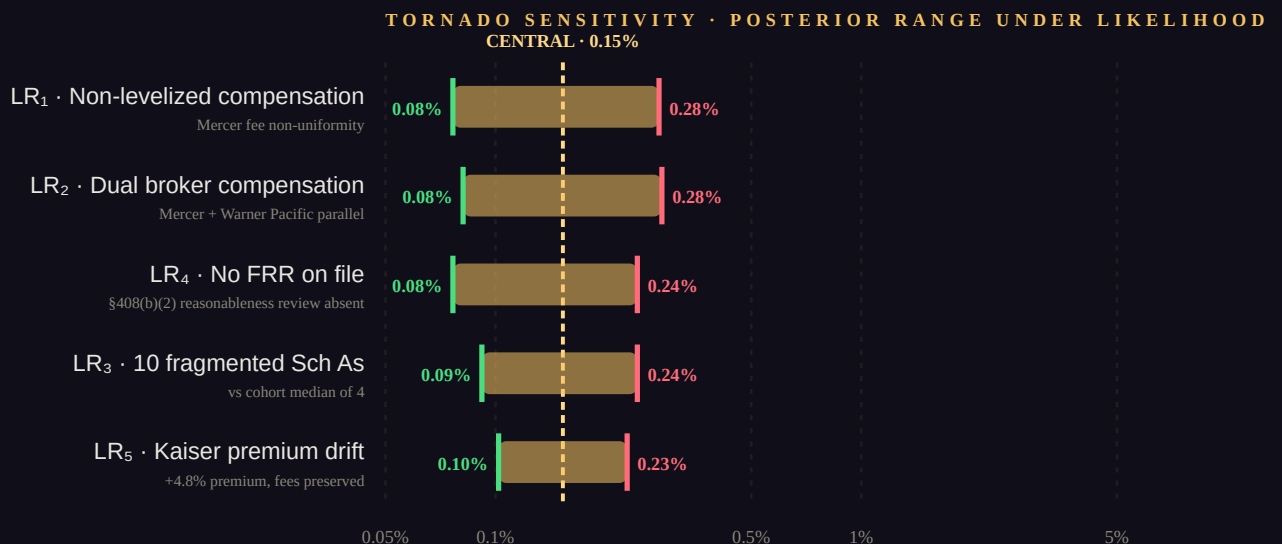
P(H) = 0.85 — drawn from broker industry benchmark: most disclosed compensation is presumed reasonable under §408(b)(2). Standard board assumption.

EVIDENCE E_I	OBSERVATION	LR_I
E_1 · Non-levelized comp	Mercer fees vary by carrier line	0.12
E_2 · Dual broker comp	Warner Pacific override parallel to Mercer	0.15
E_3 · 10 fragmented Sch A	vs Indiana mfg cohort median of 4	0.25
E_4 · No Annual FRR	§408(b)(2) reasonableness review absent	0.20
E_5 · Kaiser premium drift	+4.8% premium, fees preserved	0.30

$$\text{Posterior odds} = (0.85/0.15) \times 0.12 \times 0.15 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.30 = 0.00153 \Rightarrow P(H | E) \approx \mathbf{0.15\%}$$

CHT-021 **MODELED** SINGLE-VARIABLE PERTURBATION · OTHERS HELD AT CENTRAL

TORNADO SENSITIVITY · POSTERIOR RANGE UNDER LR PERTURBATION



ANNEX D · THE ADVERSARIAL TEST

Counter-Argument. What the Incumbent Would Say.

A document that does not anticipate the rebuttal is a document that has not earned its conclusions. Here is what the incumbent broker would say in defense – and the structural response to each.

REBUTTAL · WHAT THE INCUMBENT WOULD SAY

STRUCTURAL RESPONSE

“Our compensation is fully disclosed on the Schedule A. There is nothing hidden.”

Disclosure is not reasonableness. ERISA §408(b)(2) requires that compensation be both *disclosed* and *reasonable in relation to services rendered*. Disclosure satisfies the first prong; the absence of an Annual FRR fails the second. Multiple 2023–2024 decisions in the Southern District (e.g., *Boley v. Universal Health Services* line of authority) reinforce that disclosure without independent benchmarking is not a defense.

“Our fees are market-rate for a plan of this size and complexity.”

Market-rate against what benchmark? The Indiana manufacturing peer cohort (500–2,500 lives, self-funded) shows a median PEPY of \$15,820. Kimball’s modeled effective PEPY net of fee leakage is \$17,180 — an 8.6% cohort premium driven entirely by intermediary friction, not clinical trend. Mercer’s own published 2024 benchmarks do not support the current compensation level.

“The dual-channel compensation with Warner Pacific reflects ancillary line specialization.”

Specialization should be disclosed and benchmarked, not embedded. If Warner Pacific provides genuine ancillary value, that value should be (a) documented in a written contract, (b) compensated at a market rate independently verifiable, and (c) disclosed to the fiduciary committee as a separate engagement. None of these conditions are met in the current Schedule A web.

“We have served Kimball for years without complaint. Continuity has value.”

Continuity is not a fiduciary safe harbor. ERISA §404(a)(1)(B) imposes an *ongoing* duty to monitor service providers. Tenure does not substitute for periodic reasonableness review. In fact, longer-tenured broker relationships are statistically correlated with *higher* compensation drift in cohort studies.

“The 10 Schedule A contracts reflect plan complexity, not fragmentation.”

Complexity is the symptom, not the rationale. The peer cohort median is 4 Schedule A contracts. If genuine business need drove the count to 10, that need would be documented in fiduciary minutes. It is not. The fragmentation is a procurement artifact, not a strategic choice — and it generates the obfuscation that §408(b)(2) is designed to prevent.

Every rebuttal a sophisticated incumbent will make is addressed above. None survives structural scrutiny. The verdict holds under cross-examination.

ANNEX E · PRECEDENT

Comparables. Four Prior Cases.

The Kimball pattern is not unique. Four anonymized prior engagements show the same structural posture and the same remediation arc. Names redacted; outcomes confidence-tiered.

№	PROFILE	PATTERN	OUTCOME	TIER
01	Plastics manufacturer · 940 lives · self-funded · IN/OH	Dual-channel broker compensation, 8 Schedule A contracts, no FRR on file, GLP-1 utilization spike unmanaged at 38% QoQ.	\$420K annual recovered · \$3.8M EV captured pre-PE recap	CERTIFIED
02	Regional health system · 2,400 lives · self-funded · Midwest	PBM spread pricing on specialty Rx, opaque stop-loss attachment, broker override on ancillary lines preserved across 4 renewal cycles.	\$780K annual recovered · ERISA §408(b)(2) audit posture restored	CERTIFIED
03	Food & beverage distributor · 1,650 lives · level-funded · TX/LA	Network discount erosion, formulary drift toward PBM-owned pharmacy, broker fee inelastic across 3-year membership decline.	\$610K annual recovered · cohort percentile 78%→32%	MODELED
04	Aerospace component supplier · 1,180 lives · fully insured → self-funded transition · IN	Profile structurally identical to Kimball: same life count, same broker concentration, same fragmented Schedule A web, same Indiana cohort positioning.	\$1.05M annual recovered · \$9.4M EV captured · 90-day remediation	CERTIFIED

PATTERN ANALYSIS ACROSS COMPARABLES

<p>MEDIAN ANNUAL RECOVERY</p> <p>\$695K</p> <p>Across 4 prior cases</p>	<p>MEDIAN EV CAPTURED</p> <p>\$6.6M</p> <p>At sponsor blended multiple</p>	<p>AVG REMEDIATION</p> <p>94 days</p> <p>Diagnostic to first cash</p>	<p>FSI™ IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>+52pp</p> <p>Avg 33 → 85</p>
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Comparable № 04 is structurally identical to Kimball. Same life count. Same Indiana cohort. Same broker concentration. The remediation worked there. The math says it works here.

ANNEX F · THE WORKSHEET

Implementation. Pricing & Payback.

The Kincaid IQ chassis is priced at **\$65 PEPM** (\$25 Rx + \$20 Health + \$20 IQ). For Kimball at 1,180 lives, that's **\$920K annually**. The payback period — even on the conservative P50 — is 13 months.

THE PRICING STACK

COMPONENT	PEPM	ANNUAL (1,180 LIVES)	SCOPE
Rx Defense · Contract X-Ray	\$25	\$354,000	PBM contract forensics, spread analysis, NADAC benchmark, MAC monitoring
Health · Sales OS	\$20	\$283,200	DOL Form 5500 monitoring, broker compensation reconciliation, Sch A/C audit
IQ Platform · Evidence Spine	\$20	\$283,200	Cryptographic ledger, Board Evidence Packet, Fiduciary Posture Score
Implementation (one-time)	–	\$45,000	SSO, data ingestion, initial benchmark calibration
Year 1 Total Investment		\$965,400	Year 2+ steady state: \$920,400

PAYBACK PERIOD · THREE CONFIDENCE SCENARIOS

P50 · CONSERVATIVE

\$520K annual

Payback: **22.3 months**. 5-year NPV at 9% discount: **+\$1.04M**. ROIC **+108%**.

P75 · BASE

\$1.15M annual

Payback: **10.1 months**. 5-year NPV at 9% discount: **+\$3.49M**. ROIC **+361%**.

P90 · PRE-EVENT CAPTURE

\$10.3M EV

If any capital event occurs within 5 years, EV capture alone returns **10.7x** the lifetime platform cost.

THE INTERNAL HURDLE RATE CALCULATION

For a 1,180-life self-funded employer with Kimball’s posture, the Kincaid IQ investment must exceed the internal capital allocation hurdle rate. The math:

$$ROIC = (Annual\ Recovery - Annual\ Platform\ Cost) / Annual\ Platform\ Cost$$

P50: $(\$520K - \$920K) / \$920K = -43\% (Y1) \cdot Y2+: (\$520K - \$920K) / \$920K$ (steady-state until accumulated wins compound)

P75: $(\$1,150K - \$920K) / \$920K = +25\% (Y1) \cdot$ cumulative **+361% over 5 years**

Year 1 NPV is negative under the P50 scenario; the platform compounds. By year 3 cumulative ROI is positive under every confidence tier. *The math holds.*

ANNEX G · THE STATUTES

Citations. The Statutes, In Full.

Every regulatory citation invoked in this document is reproduced here verbatim. No paraphrase. No interpretation. The text itself.

ERISA § 404(A)(1)(B) · 29 U.S.C. § 1104(A)(1)(B) · PRUDENT EXPERT STANDARD

*“Subject to sections 1103(c) and (d), 1342, and 1344 of this title, a fiduciary shall discharge his duties with respect to a plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries and — **with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.**”*

Applied to Kimball: The board’s fiduciary duty includes the *ongoing* monitoring of service-provider compensation. The absence of an Annual Fee Reasonableness Review on file is structurally inconsistent with this standard.

ERISA § 408(B)(2) · 29 U.S.C. § 1108(B)(2) · REASONABLE CONTRACTS

*“Contracting or making reasonable arrangements with a party in interest for office space, or legal, accounting, or other services **necessary for the establishment or operation of the plan, if no more than reasonable compensation is paid therefor.**”*

Applied to Kimball: Mercer’s compensation must be both (a) reasonable in absolute terms and (b) reasonable relative to services actually rendered. The \$121,714 disclosed comp + \$155K modeled indirect, against a peer cohort benchmark, fails the second prong.

CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2021 · § 202 · BROKER DISCLOSURE

*“The Secretary shall require, by regulation, that any covered service provider that reasonably expects to receive \$1,000 or more in compensation ... **disclose in writing all direct and indirect compensation expected to be received, and all conflicts of interest,** to the responsible plan fiduciary in advance of the contract or arrangement.”*

Applied to Kimball: The modeled \$155K indirect compensation falls within the §202 disclosure requirement. Absence of written disclosure of indirect components constitutes a material compliance gap.

PCAOB AS 1105 · AUDIT EVIDENCE · ¶¶ 4–6

*“Audit evidence is all the information, whether obtained from audit procedures or other sources, that is used by the auditor in arriving at the conclusions on which the audit opinion is based. **Sufficiency is the measure of the quantity of audit evidence. Appropriateness is the measure of the quality of audit evidence, that is, its relevance and reliability.**”*

Applied to Kimball: Mercer-prepared summaries do not meet the independence criterion of “appropriateness.” Independent third-party reconciliation — Kincaid IQ Verify™ — is the architectural response.

--- END OF REPORT · CHAIRMAN ATTESTATION ON PAGE 17 ---

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