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Sam Brownback, Governor

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The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson House Committee on Judiciary Statehouse, Room 165-W Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2491 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2491 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law prohibits actions within the scope of the Kansas Tort Claims Act (KTCA) from being brought under the Small Claims Procedure Act (SCPA). HB 2491 would modify the KTCA to provide that, if a small claims action is within the scope of the KTCA, a lawyer could appear in the small claims action on behalf of any governmental agency, officer, or employee and file a motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of HB 2491 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

Jon Hummell, Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary