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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2338

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2338 would direct, for FY 2015, all docket fees currently distributed to 14 special revenue funds and the State General Fund shall be deposited in the State General Fund.

Funds impacted would include: Access to Justice Fund, Juvenile Detention Facilities Fund, Judicial Branch Education Fund, Crime Victims Assistance Fund, Protection from Abuse Fund, Judiciary Technology Fund, Dispute Resolution Fund, Kansas Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Trust Fund, Permanent Families Account in the Family and Children Investment Fund, Trauma Fund, Judicial Council Fund, Child Exchange Visitation Centers Fund, Judicial Branch Non-Judicial Salary Adjustment Fund, and Judicial Branch Non-Judicial Salary Initiative Fund.

The bill will become effective on July 1, 2014, and upon publication in the statute book.

Background

In the House Appropriations Committee, representatives of the Kansas Attorney General's Office and the Kansas Credit Attorney Association testified neutrally to the bill. The Credit Attorney Association expressed concern that the bill directs docket fees to the State General Fund rather than depositing them within the Judicial Branch.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Representatives of the Family Crisis Center, Harvey County, Kansas Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Kansas Judicial Branch, Kansas Legal Services, and Safehomes testified in opposition to the bill. The Kansas Judicial Branch and other non-state agencies listed above each indicated the bill jeopardized the funding for the operations of their respective organizations.

The House Committee amended the bill to delay the implementation of the bill until FY 2015 to allow agencies to submit amended budgetary requests.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicates passage of the bill would have a fiscal effect on revenues for the Judicial Branch and other state agencies and organizations. The Office of Judicial Administration estimates the docket fee revenue remitted to the State Treasurer in FY 2014 and FY 2015 will be \$18.3 million. Passage of the bill would result in the entire amount of revenue going to the State General Fund.