

February 25, 2015

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2130 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2130 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2130 would increase the maximum amount of damages in a wrongful death action to \$500,000. The sum would be increased or decreased on an annual basis in accordance with the consumer price index. The Insurance Commissioner would calculate the value of the limitation and furnish it to the Secretary of State. The limitation would be published in the Kansas Register and would be in effect the following fiscal year.

The Kansas Insurance Department states that HB 2130 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency.

The Office of Judicial Administration notes that the passage of HB 2130 would not have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. The bill's provisions would apply within wrongful death actions which would be filed without regard to the bill's passage, and would not result in any additional case filings or additional work within those cases.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Glenda Haverkamp, Insurance Department
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary