

January 30, 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 2160 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2160 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law remits 0.99 percent of docket fee revenues for the Judicial Branch to the Judicial Council Fund. The first \$3.1 million of the remaining 99.01 percent must be remitted to the Electronic Filing and Management Fund through FY 2017 for the purposes of creating, implementing, and managing an electronic filing and centralized case management system for state courts. The first \$1.0 million in docket fee revenues must be remitted to the fund beginning in FY 2018 and every year thereafter. HB 2160 would extend the requirement for the first \$3.1 million in docket fee revenues to be remitted to the Electronic Filing and Management Fund through FY 2018, with the first \$1.0 million remitted to the fund beginning in FY 2019.

HB 2160 would also allow the Chief Justice of the Kansas Supreme Court to transfer funding from the Electronic Filing and Management Fund to the Docket Fee Fund through June 30, 2015, and certify each transfer to the Director of Accounts and Reports and transmit a copy of each certification to the Director of Legislative Research.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2160 would not increase total expenditures for the Judicial Branch, but would allow more revenues to be expended from the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund and less from the Electronic Filing and Management Fund. The Office indicates that extending the \$3.1 million in revenue credited to the Electronic Filing and Management Fund through FY 2018 would keep the original legislative intent to fund technology for the Judicial Branch intact. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2160 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary