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Neutral Testimony on and Proposed Amendments to 2018 House Bill 2453

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Good afternoon Chairman Jennings and Committee Members. My name is Amy Raymond and I am the Director of Trial Court Programs for the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA). I am here this afternoon to offer neutral testimony on 2018 House Bill 2453 (HB 2453).

HB 2453 would permit a fee of up to \$100 to be assessed when a juvenile seeks to participate in an immediate intervention program. The proposed amendment to K.S.A. 38-2346(f) states in relevant part "[i]f a juvenile is unable to pay such fees and costs, the juvenile shall be allowed to pay a portion of the fee and costs, participate in community service activities, or both, to satisfy the obligation." OJA asks that the committee consider clarifying section (f). The proposed amendment does not specify the amount of credit a juvenile may earn toward the payment of fees for each hour of community service. OJA asks that the committee consider including language in the statute that either (1) specifically states the amount of credit to be earned, or (2) grants authority to an entity or entities to determine the amount of credit.

Statutory language that specifically states the amount of credit that may be earned would create consistency across the state. An example is the language contained in K.S.A. 8-2,144(f) relating to community service for certain traffic fines which allows ". . .credit on the fine imposed in an amount equal to \$5 for each full hour spent by the person in the specified community service." However, OJA acknowledges that the committee may wish to designate an entity to determine credit based on available resources and community service opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these amendments to the committee. I am happy to stand for questions.