

March 20, 2017

The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2397 by House Committee on Federal and State
Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2397 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2397 would add the unauthorized practice of law to the Kansas Consumer Protection Act.

The Office of the Attorney General estimates that it would receive additional complaints to its Consumer Protection Division; however, it is unable to estimate the number of additional complaints that may be filed with the agency. If the number of complaints is high, the Office may require additional investigators or attorneys. Some of the costs incurred from implementing HB 2397 may be offset by additional revenues collected from penalties against individuals or organizations that violate the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2397 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General