

January 26, 2018

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

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2524 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2524 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2524 would create a new law allowing petitioners seeking a Protection from Abuse order to request a transfer of the rights of a wireless telephone number. The bill would allow courts to issue a separate order under certain circumstances directing a wireless services provider to transfer the billing responsibility and wireless telephone number rights to petitioners. The order would be directed to the wireless services provider with specific information regarding the current account holder, the petitioner, and the telephone number to be transferred. HB 2524 would require the court to keep the petitioner's information confidential from the account holder and clarifies that such orders would not interfere with a court's ability to divide property within the Kansas Family Law Code. The order must be served on the wireless services provider's agent for service of process listed with the Secretary of State. The bill would create specific duties for the wireless services provider in response to the order, but would shield them from civil or criminal liability in connection with compliance with the order.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that enactment of HB 2524 has the potential to increase the number of orders issued by district court judges and the consequent arrangement of services of those orders by district court clerks. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching and hearing cases. Until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of the bill, however, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. The bill would have no effect on revenues to the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2524 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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