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Written Neutral Testimony on 2020 House Bill 2708

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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 write to offer neutral testimony on 2020 House Bill 2708 (HB 2708).

HB 2708 establishes a certified drug abuse treatment program for certain offenders who are placed on diversion, and seeks to expand available options for supervising divertees. While there are several substantive policy issues underlying HB 2708, the Judicial Branch leaves those policy matters to the discretion of the legislature. My testimony today is offered solely as a comment on the procedural elements of HB 2708 that affect Judicial Branch operations.

This bill permits prosecutors to enter into contracts with the Judicial Administrator to assist with the supervision of divertees. The Judicial Administrator is the designated party because she has contracting authority and is responsible for overseeing court operations. If these contracts are established, the Judicial Administrator is the most appropriate party to execute them.

This bill also authorizes the payment of a supervision fee when a divertee is supervised by Court Services or Community Correctional Services. The amount of that fee and the process through which it is collected and distributed emulates statutory provisions that govern the supervision of convicted offenders under K.S.A. 21-6607. As such, the district courts are already equipped to implement this procedure.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony to the committee.