

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 519C-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2079 by House Committee on Judiciary

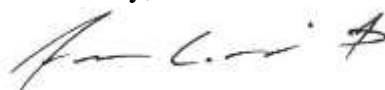
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2079 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law establishes the Safe at Home Program through which a substitute mailing address can be established with the Office of the Secretary of State (OSS) for a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or stalking. HB 2079 would amend existing law to transfer the powers and duties of the Secretary of State related to the Safe at Home Program to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The bill specifies the existing rules and regulations of the OSS that would be deemed to be the rules and regulations of the OAG, as well as new rules and regulations which must be established by the OAG. The bill also specifies the documents that would remain in the custody of the OSS, those that would be transferred to the OAG, and makes a number of technical corrections.

According to the OAG, the OSS reports that the cost of the Safe at Home Program is approximately \$4,400 per year to operate based on FY 2020 actual expenditures. These costs include postage and the rental of a post office box, but do not include staff time or the costs of office supplies. If enacted, the OAG indicates that the program would be housed within the Victim Services Division and that costs could be absorbed using existing resources.

The OSS indicates that enactment of HB 2079 would result in savings for the agency of approximately \$4,400. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2079 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General  
Sandy Tompkins, Office of the Secretary of State