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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Olson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 10, 2022

Subject: SB 130 – Including hair texture and protective hairstyles in the protected class of race under the Kansas Act Against Discrimination.

Senate Bill No. 130 (SB 130) would amend definition statutes in the Kansas Act Against Discrimination (K.S.A. 44-1002 and 44-1015) to define "race" to include traits historically associated with race including hair texture and protective hairstyles. Race is one of the protected classes under the Act. The bill further defines "protective hairstyle" to include braids, locs, and twists.

If enacted, SB 130 would become effective on July 1, 2022.