

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 58 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

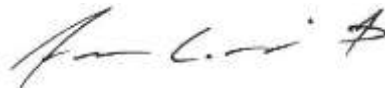
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 58 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 58 would provide for a severity level eight, nonperson felony for presenting unlawful liens or claims against personal or real property. The bill would also amend current law by requiring a court to enter an order prohibiting an individual from filing subsequent duplicate liens or other claims if the court sets aside a lien or other claim. The order must include an instruction that the filer seek approval from the court before filing subsequent liens or other claims and a warning that violation of the order could lead to civil and criminal penalties.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of SB 58 could have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch because it creates a new crime, which could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding these cases. Enactment of the bill could also increase the amount of supervision of offenders required by court service officers, since the crime carries a severity level eight, nonperson felony. The Office estimates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees and supervision fees assessed in those cases filed under the bill's provisions.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates enactment of the bill could have an effect on prison admissions and beds; however, the Commission estimates the effect would be negligible. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 58 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary