

February 9, 2021

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

Dear Representative Patton:

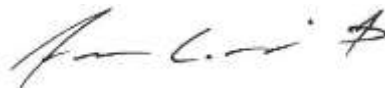
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2227 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2227 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2227 would allow the Chief Justice to suspend certain time limitations during a state of local disaster emergency, allow suspension of verification requirements, allow use of electronic audio-visual communications to expeditiously resolve pending cases, and extend the Chief Justice's authority to suspend time limitations until June 30, 2022. The bill would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2227 could save funding on travel costs by using electronic audio-visual communication to conduct court proceedings remotely. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2227 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary