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Laura Kelly, Governor

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

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2363 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2363 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, an attorney appointed by the court to perform services for an indigent person would be compensated at a rate of \$80 per hour. HB 2363 would change that rate to not less than \$80 per hour.

| Estimated State Fiscal Effect |         |           |         |             |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|
|                               | FY 2021 | FY 2021   | FY 2022 | FY 2022     |
|                               | SGF     | All Funds | SGF     | All Funds   |
| Revenue                       |         |           |         |             |
| Expenditure                   |         |           |         | \$3,569,164 |
| FTE Pos.                      |         |           |         |             |

The Board of Indigents' Defense Services states that the assigned council rate has already been set for FY 2021 and therefore there would be no additional expenditures. If the Board of Indigents' Defense Services would raise the rate for FY 2022 to \$100 per hour, then the increased expenditures are estimated to be \$3,569,164. The agency notes that the rate amount would increase only if the agency has the additional funding from the State General Fund in FY 2022 to implement the increase and receives approval of the changes to the administrative rules and regulations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2363 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Adam Proffitt

Director of the Budget

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cc: Heather Cessna, Indigents Defense Services