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The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson House Committee on Judiciary Statehouse, Room 582-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2496 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2496 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2496 would enact the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act. The Act would govern arbitration of a family law dispute. The Act would grant authority for arbitrators to hear and make awards in family law disputes, except for the following cases: divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance; termination of parental rights; adoption or guardianship of a child or an incapacitated individual; status determination of a child in need of care; or determination of whether a parent and child relationship exists. The bill would outline the procedures and the requirements of the Act.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on Judicial Branch operations.

Sincerely,

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cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary Kim Holter, Children & Families