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

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 151 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 151 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 151 would create limitations on the percentage of the net amount received by an attorney in a contingency fee case. The bill would require an attorney to explain certain aspects of contingency fees. Additionally, SB 151 would require certain language in a certain size type for a written waiver of the percentage limitations specified in the bill. The courts would have to approve any deviation from the percentage limitations specified in the bill.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of SB 151 could have a fiscal effect on Judicial Branch operations because the bill would require the court to review any deviation from the percentages set for an attorney to receive in a contingency case. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 151 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary