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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 152 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 152 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 152 would require any person, other than a lawyer, in a contingency fee arrangement to be held jointly liable for costs and sanctions. Except as otherwise stipulated or ordered by the court, a party would be required to provide the fee agreement without waiting for the discovery request. The bill would also require nonparties to be reasonably compensated for the cost of responding to a subpoena by the issuer of a nonparty subpoena in a third-party funded action.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that any fiscal effect associated with the passage of SB 152 would be negligible.

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cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary