

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2075
As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2075, as amended, would amend a provision governing the venue of agency adoptions in the Kansas Adoption and Relinquishment Act to allow such adoption proceedings to take place in a county where the Department for Children and Families (DCF) or subcontracting agency has an office when the State or a department of the State is the adoption agency.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of Representative Humphries.

[*Note:* HB 2075 contains provisions similar to 2020 HB 2587, as recommended by the House Committee on Judiciary.]

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing on January 28, 2021, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Humphries, stating the change would provide an additional option for venue for petitioners adopting out of the foster care system and would encourage attorneys to continue offering services in agency adoptions. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by DCF. No neutral or **opponent** testimony was provided.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Senate Committee on Judiciary

In the Senate Committee hearing on January 25, 2022, the same **proponent** testified as before the House Committee. No other testimony was provided.

On January 27, 2022, the Senate Committee adopted a technical amendment to the bill.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

Agency adoption; venue