

February 1, 2013

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2113 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2113 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2113 would amend current law concerning the Judicial Branch of state government by providing that the Supreme Court shall allocate all judicial resources as the court determines necessary and appropriate. This allocation would include the assignment of district judges and district magistrate judges to the judicial districts and to the county or counties in which they serve. The bill would eliminate the statutory requirements specifying the location and number of district judges and district magistrate judges in each judicial district, and would repeal existing law that requires at least one judge of the district court to reside and have a primary office in each county.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of the bill would allow the Supreme Court to better manage its existing resources in response to its existing needs. Until the Judicial Branch has an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2113, however, its effect on the agency budget cannot be determined.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary