

January 31, 2017

The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 519-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Finch:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2186 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2186 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2186 would enact the Uniform Arbitration Act of 2000. The bill would update the version of the Act adopted by Kansas in 1973 to allow parties to agree to arbitration of disputes before an actual dispute exists and provide more complete arbitration procedures and provisions than under current law.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, the bill could decrease the number of cases filed in district courts as a result of more cases having arbitration. This would decrease the time spent by judicial and nonjudicial staff processing, researching, and hearing cases. The decrease in the number of cases could also result in a decrease in docket fee revenue. However, it is not possible to predict the reduction in the number of cases, therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2186 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary