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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2039

HB 2039, as amended by House Committee, provides that district courts shall extend full faith and credit to orders of tribal courts of any federally recognized Indian tribe according to rules adopted by the supreme court. The supreme court shall only adopt rules recognizing judgments of tribal courts who grant full faith and credit to judgments of Kansas state courts.

The House Committee on Judiciary added subsection (c) to clarify that nothing in this section shall be construed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the state of Kansas or a waiver of the sovereign immunity of a federally recognized Indian tribe.