

February 13, 2019

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

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2211 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2211 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2211 would allow an individual assessed a reinstatement fee pursuant to KSA 2018 Supp. 8-2110 to petition the court that assessed the fee to waive payment of the fee, and any additional charge imposed. If it appears to the satisfaction of the court that payment of the fee would impose manifest hardship on the individual or the individual's family, the court may waive payment of all or part of the amount due or modify the method of payment.

The Judicial Branch estimates enactment of HB 2211 would have a fiscal effect on the courts because the bill would allow individuals to petition the courts to have certain fees waived. Individuals who petition the court to have fees waived would increase time spent by judges and employees in processing, researching and hearing cases. If fees are waived, revenue going into certain judicial branch fee funds would decrease. However, these reductions would be partially offset by a provision in the bill allowing judges to reduce fees imposed. In some cases, individuals who would otherwise be unable to pay a fee amount in full, may be able to pay a reduced fee. The Department of Revenue indicates enactment of HB 2211 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2211 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue