

February 14, 2020

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

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2675 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2675 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2675 would allow for an extension, of not less than two years and up to the lifetime of the defendant, of a protective order after receipt of a verified petition, notice to the defendant, and hearing. In order for the court to extend the order, the court must determine by a preponderance of the evidence: that the person violated or has violated a protective order; the person was convicted of certain felonies; or the person committed an act that is substantially similar to certain felonies.

The Office of Judicial Administration estimates enactment of HB 2675 could increase the number of cases filed in district court, which would result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding these cases. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2675 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary