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### Joint Committee on State Building Construction

Chairman Billinger and members of the joint committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear today to testify concerning the Judicial Branch's five-year Capital Improvement Plan encompassing three capital improvement projects for the Judicial Center.

The Office of Judicial Administration is considering using American Rescue Plan Act (commonly known as ARPA) monies to fund the court of appeals office space. While approval of this project through the SPARK committee is pending, the project is currently being budgeted below through state general fund. The Judicial Branch is happy to report the IT Help Desk this committee, and your colleagues in the legislature, approved has been successfully completed. Today, from a central location our information technology team can provide better service to the Kansas court system.

#### 1. Kansas Law Library Compact Shelving - \$100,000 (FY 2023)

Compact library shelving is needed to create additional space in the Judicial Center for ongoing, modernization and pandemic-related projects. The Kansas Judicial Branch is centralizing payment processing and disbursements throughout the state court system within the Office of Judicial Administration. With more than \$150 million in payments taken in by the Judicial Branch annually, centralized payment processing allows for greater oversight of financial controls, streamlining of processes, and efficient workflow. The rollout of centralized payment processing is occurring with the rollout of the Odyssey centralized case management system. Beginning this month, 95% of trial courts will operate on the new case management system. As part of this process, it became apparent that a new, secure mail processing area was needed to accommodate the new volume of mail that will be received once centralized payment processing is rolled out statewide. The Office of Judicial Administration worked with the Department of Administration and identified the Clerk's records room as the space that can be restructured for that purpose and construction of the new mailroom is underway. Recommendations by the Department of Homeland Security have been incorporated into the design and structure of the mail room. A new records room is being constructed to the west of the current records room, which will require minimal new construction. To accommodate the new mailroom, records room and IT Help Desk, the library stacks had to be consolidated.

Compact shelving will provide the room needed for the additional office spaces. Limiting the size and scope of the compact shelving will result in the more efficient use of limited resources and open up space in the Kansas Judicial Center basement for further adjustments as needs arise.

2. Judicial Branch Library Learning Center - \$100,000 (\$50,000 in FY 2024 and \$50,000 in FY 2025)

The Kansas Judicial Center welcomes visitors throughout the year who have questions about the judicial branch's structure, case flow, appeals process, and general services it provides our state. Many of these guests are school-aged children on a school trip or visiting as part of a civics lesson. A Kansas Judicial Branch Learning Center is needed to engage these visitors and help educate them. The center would utilize an interactive learning environment to provide information about the three branches of government, their function within government, and how each branch interacts with the others. Exhibits would also focus on the judiciary's unique role in government. Several states have either developed or are in the process of developing a learning center in their state's judicial center with positive results. This project will be implemented in phases.

3. Remodel Court of Appeals office space and lounge - \$300,000 (FY 2024)

The second floor of the Kansas Judicial Center houses the Court of Appeals. A few years ago, the Legislature appropriated money to finish judicial offices so all Court of Appeals judges and staff would be housed on the same floor. The first phase has been completed. The second phase of this project is to remodel existing space on the second floor (currently, an attorney lounge and meeting room) for research attorneys and other staff. While these spaces are currently being used as office space for these employees, they are not configured as such. The Office of Judicial Administration has been working with the Department of Administration to develop plans for office space that allows for concentration and confidentiality with a shared workroom that preserves the efficiency of certain work processes.



## Project Request Explanation--DA 418B

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<p>3. Project Description and Justification:</p> <p>The Kansas Judicial Branch has begun the process of centralizing payment processing and disbursements throughout the state court system within the Office of Judicial Administration. With more than \$150 million in payments taken in by the Judicial Branch annually, centralized payment processing allows for greater oversight of financial controls, streamlining of processes, and efficient workflow. The rollout of centralized payment processing is occurring simultaneously with the rollout of the Odyssey centralized case management system. As of July 1, 2021, centralized payment processing has been rolled out to approximately 1/4 of the district courts throughout the state. As part of this process, it has become apparent that the current space within the Judicial Center that is used for payment processing is inadequate in regards to space and security. The Office of Judicial Administration has worked with the Department of Administration to identify space in the Judicial Center that can be restructured to allow for a secure mail processing area to accommodate the volume of mail that will be received once centralized payment processing is rolled out statewide. Recommendations by the Department of Homeland Security will be incorporated into the design and structure of the mail room. Department of Administration identified the current Clerk's records room to be restructured to allow for secure mail processing. A new Records room will be constructed to the West of the current Records room. Which will require minimal new construction. In order to accommodate the new mailroom, records room and IT Help Desk, the library stacks will need to consolidate their library material into compact shelving to provide the room needed for the additional office spaces. Limiting the size and scope of the compact shelving will result in the more efficient use of limited resources, and open up space in the Kansas Judicial Center basement for further adjustments as needs arise.</p>																							
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3. Project Description and Justification:  The second floor of the Kansas Judicial Center houses the Court of Appeals. A few years ago, the Legislature appropriated money to finish judicial offices so that all Court of Appeals judges and staff could have offices on the same floor. The first phase has been completed. The second phase of this project is to remodel existing space on the second floor (currently, an attorney lounge and meeting room) for research attorneys and other staff. While these spaces are currently being used as office space for these employees, they are not configured as such. The Office of Judicial Administration has been working with the Department of Administration to develop plans for office space that allows for concentration and confidentiality with a shared workroom that preserves the efficiency of certain work processes.						
4. Estimated Project Cost: 1. Construction (including fixed equipment and site work) <span style="float: right;">200,000</span> 2. Architect or engineer fee <span style="float: right;">20,000</span> 3. Moveable equipment <span style="float: right;">0</span> 4. Project contingency <span style="float: right;">40,000</span> 5. Miscellaneous costs <span style="float: right;">40,000</span>  <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>Total</b> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">\$300,000</span> </div>	5. Project Phasing: 1. Preliminary plans (including misc. costs) 2. Final plans (including misc. and other costs) 3. Construction (including misc. and other costs)  <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>Total</b> <span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;">_____</span> </div>					
6. Amount by Source of Financing:						
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FY 2025						-
FY 2026						-
FY 2027						-
FY 2028						-
Subsequent Years						-
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