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

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2125 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2125 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2125 would allow a copy of a person's will to be filed with the district court. Under current law, only the actual will can be filed with the district court. The bill would also allow the will or copy of the will to be admitted to probate at any time instead of the current six-month time limit.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of HB 2125 could have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch because the bill would allow a copy of a will to be filed as well as removing the six-month time limit to admit wills to probate, which could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and deciding cases. The Office estimates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of docket fees assessed in those cases filed under the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2125 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary