

SESSION OF 2006

## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2704

As Recommended by House Committee  
on Judiciary

### **Brief\***

HB 2704 would amend the Small Claims Act by raising the number of small claims that an individual could file in one year in the same court from the current 10 to 20.

### **Background**

The sponsor of the bill, Representatives Otto, appeared in support of the bill. A conferee, Leslie Kaufman on behalf of the Kansas Cooperative Council and the Kansas Credit Union Association as a member of Council expressed support for the bill.

Jim Clark with the Kansas Bar Association spoke in opposition to the bill.

The fiscal note indicates that based on past experience, the Office of Judicial Administration estimates an increase of 1,729 small claim filings in FY 2007. The increase would cost the Judiciary \$7,520 in temporary clerk work hours and \$28,876 for an additional senior judge. The total cost of implementing HB 2704 would be \$36,396. The bill does not specify the funding source but it is assumed that it would be the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect resulting from enactment of HB 2704 is not included in *The FY 2007 Governor's Budget Report*.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>