

February 16, 2025

The Honorable Susan Humphries, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

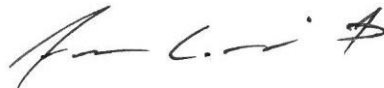
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2181 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2181 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2181 would create the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act. The bill would establish guidelines that would govern the arbitration of family law disputes. The bill would require arbitration agreements to include certain components, outline procedures to initiate arbitration, and outline certain court procedures. The bill would also require arbitrators to have certain qualifications, disclose certain information, and follow certain procedures regarding arbitration including making awards. In addition, the bill would outline court procedures upon the issuance of an arbitration award, including rights to appeal. The bill would apply to arbitration of a family law dispute under an arbitration agreement made on or after July 1, 2025.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a minimal fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch that could be absorbed within existing resources. The Department for Children and Families indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2181 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families