

February 20, 2025

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

Dear Representative Humphries:

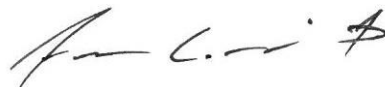
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2356 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2356 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a court may order visitation to a nonparent if the nonparent proves that the denial of visitation would result in harm to the child or if the nonparent has been a caretaker within one year of the initiation of the action. HB 2356 would allow a court to order visitation to a nonparent if the nonparent proves that the denial of visitation would be unreasonable or if the nonparent has been a caretaker within two years of the initiation of the action. The bill would also change the standard of proof for a nonparent in certain cases from clear and convincing evidence to substantial evidence.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a minimal fiscal effect 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 2356 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