

February 14, 2025

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

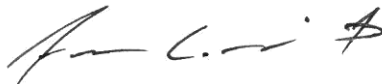
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 203 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 203 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law allows courts to take certain actions if the testimony of a person is material to a criminal proceeding and it is shown it may become impracticable to secure the witness' presence by subpoena. SB 203 would allow the court to issue a notice to appear to answer a charge of indirect contempt of court and continue a charge of indirect contempt of court and order the witness to comply with any condition to secure the witness' appearance. The bill would include failure to appear as directed after service to the definition of "unavailable as a witness."

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. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 203 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary