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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2182

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2182, as amended, would prohibit any Kansas sheriff from charging a fee for service of process for any proceeding pursuant to the Protection From Abuse Act; the Protection From Stalking, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking Act; or a proceeding pursuant to similar laws in another jurisdiction.

The bill would also make technical changes to remove outdated language.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of a representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. The proponent generally stated these fees are routinely not charged and the bill would provide clarity and consistency about not charging a processing fee for these victims. It was also noted that Kansas has come under scrutiny by the Federal government because the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits

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jurisdictions receiving VAWA funding from charging these fees.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Sheriffs Association.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to also exempt fees for service of process for similar proceedings based on the laws of another jurisdiction.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Judicial Branch indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures but could decrease county government revenues by unknown amounts.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill would decrease county government revenues; however, a precise estimate of this effect cannot be provided.

Service of process; protection orders; sheriff; fees