

February 17, 2011

The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 559-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:

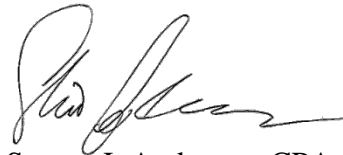
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 81 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 81 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under SB 81, courts would be required to rule out the existence of viable relatives who would care for the child before granting custody of a child to a person with whom the child has close emotional ties.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, enactment of SB 81 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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