

February 11, 2013

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2182 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2182 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2182 would amend current law concerning grand juries. The bill would specify what information must be included in a petition used to summon a grand jury, as well as the requirements for choosing grand jurors, selecting a special counsel or investigator, and determining the order of witnesses called by the grand jury. The bill also addresses who is allowed to testify before a grand jury and how refusals of persons desiring to testify must be handled. In addition, the bill provides the circumstances, procedures, and grounds that would and would not be sufficient for any party, the party's attorney, or any grand juror to file and pursue a motion for a change of judge.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of HB 2182 could increase the amount of time spent by district courts for summoning of grand juries, on requests to testify in front of grand juries and in determining the impartiality of judges related to the provisions of the bill. Thus, the bill could increase costs for the Judicial Branch. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of the bill, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect HB 2182 may have cannot be given. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2182 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary