

March 26, 2014

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

Dear Representative Kinzer:

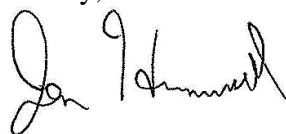
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2772 by House Committee on Federal and State
Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2772 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2772 would allow for petitions in certain divorce or annulment proceedings. If the mother has not made the court aware that the husband is not or may not be the child's biological father, nor has she informed the alleged biological father of his status as the child's father until after the court's orders are entered, the alleged biological father may file a petition with the court for a determination of his status as the biological father. The alleged biological father would be informed of the rights and duties concerning the parent-child relationship and custody of the child. Identification of the father would require the court to re-open the divorce or annulment proceedings.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2772 has the potential to increase the number of cases filed in district courts relating to divorce or annulment proceedings by biological fathers who were not part of the proceedings. In cases where the court is required to re-open the proceedings, it would increase the time spent by district court judicial and non-judicial personnel to process, research, and hear cases. Likewise, the additional cases could also result in the collection of added revenue from docket fees. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2772 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary