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**NEUTRAL TESTIMONY REGARDING
SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 440 AND HB 2687**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and this honorable committee for extending the opportunity to present neutral testimony Substitute for SB 440 and HB 2687. We are Michael Powers, Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District and President of the Kansas District Judges Association (KDJA), and KDJA Legislative Co-Chairs, Chief Judge Dan Creitz of the Thirty-first Judicial District and Chief Judge James Fleetwood of the Eighteenth Judicial District.

While the intent of this bill may be positive for all branches, more time is needed to examine whether implementation of this bill would have unforeseen consequences. The legislation includes many changes. We would suggest further study of the proposal before moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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