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TO: The Honorable Jeff King, Chair
And Members of the House Judiciary Committee

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RE: SB 44 – Docket fees, electronic filing and management fund

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Good morning Chairman King and Members of the House Judiciary Committee. I am Joseph Molina and on behalf of the Kansas Bar Association I provide this written testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB 44, relating to docket fees and the electronic filing management fund.

The Kansas Bar Association supports Senate Bill 44 which lifts restrictions in Fiscal Year 2015 on the use of the Judicial Branch electronic filing management funds, allowing money already collected for electronic courts (e-courts) to be used to fill the gap in the Judicial Branch budget created by a revenue shortfall.

This proposed legislation is not likely to slow the implementation of e-courts. We understand that the funds earmarked by the 2014 Legislature for e-courts are considerably more than the Judicial Branch can use this fiscal year. The legislation proposes restoring this year's diverted funds to the e-courts project in future years. The KBA believes that these funds will allow the Judicial Branch to weather this financial storm without significantly impairing the e-courts project.

On behalf of the Kansas Bar Association, I thank you for your time this morning and would be available to respond to questions.

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