

February 22, 2016

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2705 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2705 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2705 would require the Kansas Supreme Court to determine the amount of any docket fees to be charged and collected by the court system. The bill would strike numerous references to docket fees and other fees which exist under current law and replace those fees with language that indicates the fee would be an amount determined by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court would be allowed to assess additional fees with the requirement that fees be reasonable and uniform throughout the state. The bill would also reinstate, amend, or repeal several additional statutes related to docket fees and associated funds.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates the enactment of HB 2705 would result in significant changes in law, but until further study is given the fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary