

February 18, 2015

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 114 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 114 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 114 would allow the Kansas Supreme Court to impose a charge of \$22 for each certified order issued to amend a birth certificate to add the name of a parent, correct the name of either parent or the child, or change the child's last name to that of either parent. The order would then be submitted to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to prepare the new birth certificate. The fee would be imposed July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2017, to fund the cost of non-judicial personnel and could only be established by an act of the Kansas Legislature.

According to the Department of Health and Environment, Division of Vital Statistics, there were 353 applications to amend birth certificates in calendar year 2014. If the number of applications were consistent, the \$22 fee would increase revenues to the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund by \$7,766 (\$22 x 353 applications). The Office of Judicial Administration indicates the bill could also affect expenditures related to collecting the fee, providing receipts, and accounting for the funds. However, a precise estimate on revenues or expenditures of the Judicial Branch cannot be determined until the courts have had an opportunity to operate with the provisions of the bill in place. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 114 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary