

January 22, 2016

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

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 321 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 321 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, to file a decedent's will in district court to preserve the will for future probate proceedings, a person must also submit an affidavit that provides specific information. With SB 321, the affidavit would no longer be required to specify (1) the property left by the decedent and its approximate value; and (2) the approximate amount and nature of any demands which were outstanding against the decedent's estate upon the decedent's death.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that SB 321 would allow more wills to be protectively filed with the courts, which would increase the workload of the courts and the amount of revenues collected from docket fees. However, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate with the provisions of SB 321 in place, a fiscal effect on the revenues and expenditures of the Judicial Branch cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary