

February 28, 2017

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

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2321 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2321 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2321 would modify procedures used in citizen-initiated grand jury proceedings by allowing the right to appeal if a grand jury is not summoned by the judges of the district court because of a finding related to the form of the petition, if the petition is substantially in the form required by the statute. The finding would be treated as a final judgment and the appeal right would belong to the person who filed the petition and whose name and contact information appears on the face of the petition. The bill would provide that the provisions of KSA 25-3601 related to sufficiency of petitions would not apply to a grand jury petition.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates HB 2321 could increase Judicial Branch expenditures beginning in FY 2018 for additional staff time spent by appellate court employees and appellate court judges in processing and deciding cases as well as additional revenues from docket fees for additional appellate cases filed. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2321 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary