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**Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee
In Support of HB2097
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Chairman Patton and Committee Members,

KSA 19-909 provides for a mechanism for counties to be reimbursed for costs of holding prisoners in civil cases. These cases do not happen often, but they do on occasion occur. It is our understanding civil commitments are generally under contempt laws. The statute has not been amended since at least 1963 when the cost was fixed at \$1.50 per day. This bill is aimed at updating that cost, which is clearly no longer realistic.

The language we have proposed is from KSA 19-1930, the statute establishing the costs county jails may assess for holding city and federal prisoners. This amendment will make this method of calculating those costs uniform and automatically adjusting for changing jail costs.

We ask you to move this bill forward favorably.

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