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MEMORANDUM

To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 20, 2019
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2291

HB 2291 increases the cap on nonpecuniary damages in wrongful death actions.

Current law in K.S.A. 60-1903 sets the cap for damages on nonpecuniary loss at \$250,000. This bill would raise that cap on those damages to \$500,000. This bill would also increase the cap each year based on an amount equal to the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers, published by the US Department of Labor for the preceding fiscal year, certified by the director of the budget to the judicial administrator on June 1 of each year.