

January 23, 2020

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519C-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2447 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2447 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2447 would amend current law to make two-way electronic audio-visual communication an option for court appearances in lieu of having the defendant appear in court in person.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of the bill would permit, but not require the use of audio-visual communication in specific court proceedings. The Office estimates there could be some savings to counties from not transporting individuals to court for criminal trials. According to the Office, there would be no fiscal effect on expenditures or revenues to the Judicial Branch if HB 2447 is enacted.

The Kansas Association of Counties states that enactment of the bill could result in some costs associated with maintaining equipment. However, counties could decide whether or not to utilize the technology, since the bill does not require the use of audio-visual communication.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Jay Hall, Association of Counties