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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 9, 2021

Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2229

HB 2229 increases the criminal penalty for multiple thefts of mail.

This bill amends K.S.A. 21-5801, the theft statute, to provide that theft of property that is mail of a value of less than \$1,500 from three separate locations within a period of 72 hours as part of the same act or transaction or in two or more acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common scheme or course of conduct is a severity level 9, person felony. The general penalty for theft of property or services of the value of less than \$1,500 is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

The bill defines “mail” as a letter, postal card, package or bag sent through the United States postal services or other delivery service, or any other article or thing contained therein, or a sealed article or thing addressed to a person.