

February 8, 2022

The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
House Committee on Appropriations
Statehouse, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Waymaster:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2541 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2541 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

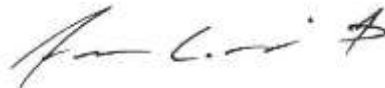
Under current law, the fees listed below are credited to a specific Judicial Branch fee fund:

1. The Judicial Branch Nonjudicial Salary Adjustment Fund is credited 15.25 percent of marriage license fees;
2. The Judicial Branch Nonjudicial Salary Adjustment Fund is credited the first \$15 of driver's license reinstatement fees;
3. The Judicial Branch Nonjudicial Salary Adjustment Fund is credited 41.17 percent of driver's license reinstatement fees;
4. The Electronic Filing and Management Fund is credited the first \$1.5 million of docket fees;
5. All docket fees are credited to the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund, with the exception of the \$1.5 million to the Electronic Filing and Management Fund and 0.99 percent to the Judicial Council Fund; and
6. The Judicial Branch surcharge is credited to the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund.

HB 2541 would redirect and credit the above fees to the State General Fund beginning in FY 2023, with the exception of the 0.99 percent of docket fees to the Judicial Council Fund.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2541 would redirect district and appellate court fee revenues from the Judicial Branch to the State General Fund. The Office estimates that the Judicial Branch collects approximately \$29.4 million each fiscal year for fees that are credited to the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund, the Electronic Filing and Management Fund, and the Judicial Branch Nonjudicial Salary Adjustment Fund. The Office states that if the fees that are redirected to the State General Fund are not replaced with an equal appropriation from the State General Fund in FY 2023, the Judicial Branch would face a revenue shortfall to meet its budgeted expenditures. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2541 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary