

February 21, 2022

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 582-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2624 by House Committee on Judiciary

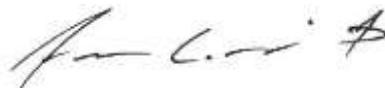
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2624 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2624 would amend the Protection from Abuse Act. Under current law, protection from abuse orders and protection from stalking, sexual assault, or human trafficking orders can be in effect for a maximum of one year. The bill would change the time frame to a period of not less than two years and not more than five years. Current law allows a plaintiff to file a motion that both orders could be extended for one additional year. The bill would change the time frame to a period of not less than two years and not more than five years.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on Judicial Branch operations.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of the bill could decrease expenditures to counties by reducing the frequency of protective order extensions. The League of Kansas Municipalities states the bill's enactment would have a negligible fiscal effect on Kansas cities.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary  
Wendi Stark, League of Municipalities  
Jay Hall, Association of Counties