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The Honorable Susan Humphries, Chairperson House Committee on Judiciary 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2604 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2604 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2604 would increase the monetary threshold for small claims and a court's small claims jurisdiction from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase the number of small claims cases filed in district courts, which could increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also result in the collection of additional docket fees in cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be remitted to the State General Fund. However, the Office indicates a fiscal effect cannot be determined because the number of additional cases cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2604 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary