

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Owens:

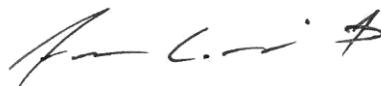
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2708 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2708 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2708 would increase the statute of limitations for a civil action for wrongful death from two to five years. The bill would also eliminate the cap on nonpecuniary loss when a civil action is brought against a person convicted of capital murder, murder in the first degree, or murder in the second degree.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it extends the statute of limitations for wrongful death actions. This could increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Enactment of the bill could also result in the collection of docket fees in cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited into the State General Fund. However, the Office states that until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of the bill, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect cannot be given. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2708 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary