

January 26, 2024

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

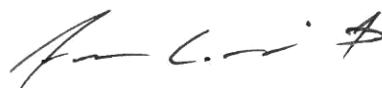
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 372 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 372 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 372 would enact the Civil Liability for Doxing Act. The bill would prohibit the intentional, nonconsensual publishing of another person's personally identifiable information with the intent to harm or harass the person. If the publishing of this information causes death, significant life disruption, great bodily harm, significant economic injury, or emotional distress to the victim, then the victim would be allowed to bring civil action against the perpetrator. The bill clarifies that it would not prohibit the provision of personal information to report unlawful or criminal activity, nor would it prohibit the sharing of a person's information to the press or in connection to constitutionally protected activities.

The Judiciary indicates that enactment of the bill could increase agency operating expenditures because it allows for civil suits to be filed. This would 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 docket fees which would be deposited in the State General Fund. However, an exact estimate of this fiscal effect is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 372 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary