

February 1, 2024

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

Dear Representative Humphries:

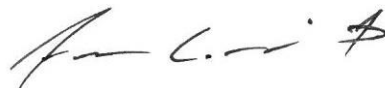
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2605 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2605 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, an attorney appointed by the court to perform services for an indigent person is compensated at a rate of \$120 per hour. HB 2605 would change that rate to not less than \$120 per hour and not more than \$140 per hour. The bill would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

The Board of Indigents' Defense Services states that the bill could increase hourly assigned council rate from \$120 set for FY 2025 up to \$140. If the rate was raised to \$140, then the agency would need an additional \$3,793,360 from the State General Fund in FY 2025. The estimate is based on the projection of paying approximately 189,668 assigned counsel hours at the additional \$20 per hour. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2605 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Heather Cessna, Board of Indigents Defense Services