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Laura Kelly, Governor

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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 2549 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2549 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2549 would limit a petition to terminate parental rights under the Kansas Adoption and Relinquishment Act to adoption proceedings and setting requirements for such petitions filed separately from petitions for adoption. The bill would require petitions to be filed as part of a petition for adoption or in connection with an adoption. The bill would set requirements for petitions filed separately from adoption proceedings.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2549 would have a negligible effect on the number of adoptions, therefore expenditures and revenue for the Judicial Branch and the State General Fund would be minimal. The Department for Children and Families indicates that HB 2549 would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. The Kansas Judicial Council indicates that HB 2549 would have no fiscal effect on the agency and that it would develop the form necessary. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2549 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Janelle Williams, Judicial Council
Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families