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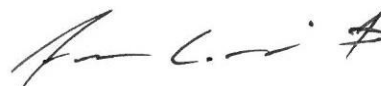Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2721 by House Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2721 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2721 would remove language prohibiting commencing an action for recovery of damages for an injury or illness suffered as a result of childhood sexual abuse more than 13 years after the victim attains 18 years of age or more than three years after the date of a criminal conviction, whichever occurs later. The bill would allow an action against any party for recovery of such damages to be commenced at any time. The bill would revive all claims against any party for recovery of such damages that occurred on or after July 1, 1984.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of HB 2721 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it would remove the statute of limitations to file an action related to childhood sexual abuse. This would allow more cases to be filed with the court that otherwise would not have been filed, which would 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 on the Judicial Branch cannot be given. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2721 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary