

February 7, 2022

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 582-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

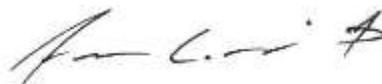
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2574 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2574 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2574 would increase the allowance expense the Crime Victims Compensation Board (CVCB) could award for funeral, cremation, or burial from \$5,000 to \$7,500 and for crime scene cleanup from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The bill would also allow the CVCB to reimburse victims for replacement of materials that were removed because the materials were biohazard or were damaged as part of evidence collection. HB 2574 would also allow the CVCB to grant compensation for mental health counseling to a victim who is: (1) required to testify in a sexually violent predator commitment proceeding, provided the claim is made within two years of the proceeding and (2) notified that a DNA test of a sexual assault kit or other evidence revealed a suspected offender, provided the victim makes the claim within two years of the notification. The bill would also remove the current minimum economic loss limit of \$100.

The Office of the Attorney General states that enactment of HB 2574 could result in an increase in claims and payments made to victims from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund and the Crime Victims Compensation Federal Fund. The agency estimates any additional claim payouts could be financed with existing revenues and any additional workload could be absorbed within the agency's existing budget. The Office of Judicial Administration states that the bill would have a negligible effect on its expenditures and revenues. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2574 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General