

February 13, 2023

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

Dear Representative Patton:

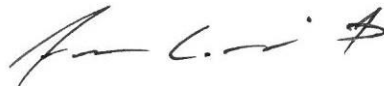
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2351 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2351 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, an attorney appointed by the court to perform services for an indigent person would be compensated at a rate of \$120 per hour. HB 2351 would change that rate to not exceed \$100 per hour on or before June 30, 2024, and a rate not to exceed \$120 per hour starting on July 1, 2024. The bill would become effective upon publication in the statute book.

The Board of Indigents' Defense Services states that the bill would reduce the hourly assigned council rate from \$120 set for FY 2023 to \$100 for FY 2024. If the Board of Indigents' Defense Services would be required to lower the rate for FY 2024 to \$100 per hour, then the expenditure decrease is estimated to be \$1,147,340 from the State General Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2351 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Heather Cessna, Board of Indigents Defense Services