

February 12, 2019

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 519-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2206 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2206 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2206 would amend current law concerning cruelty to animals. Under current law, an entity that has custody of an animal because the owner has been charged with animal cruelty may petition the court for ownership of the animal at any time after 21 days after the owner is notified. However, the bill would allow owner or custodian to file and maintain a renewable cash or performance bond equal to, but not less than the cost of care and treatment of the animal for 30 days. The bond would be renewable every 30 days until court disposition of the animal. The bill would specify that any costs collected by the court or through the cash or performance bond would be transferred to the entity responsible for paying the cost of care, treatment, and boarding of the animal.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of HB 2206 would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

The Kansas Association of Counties estimates enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on counties, if owners come forward and post the bond. The current method of recovering cost is by assigning those costs to the owner, if the owner is adjudicated guilty.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell  
Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties  
Janie Harris, Judiciary