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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 12, 2024
Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2604

House Bill 2604 increases the maximum dollar amount for a small claim to \$10,000.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 61-2703, the section in the small claims procedure act that provides definitions. The current definition of a “small claim” provides that the amount claimed or the value of the property sought cannot exceed \$4,000. The bill changes that amount to \$10,000.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 61-2706, the statute providing options to the court when a plaintiff demands judgment beyond the scope of the court’s small claims jurisdiction or a defendant asserts a claim beyond the scope of the court’s small claims jurisdiction. Subsection (b) contains two references to the current \$4,000 maximum claim amount and the bill changes those references to \$10,000.

The bill would take effect from and after publication in the statute book, July 1, 2024.