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Sam Brownback, Governor

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The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson Senate Committee on Judiciary Statehouse, Room 559-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 79 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 79 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, any collections by the Kansas Setoff Program for debts submitted by the courts are reduced by a collection assistance fee, collected by the Department of Administration. The difference between the total amount collected and the fee is remitted to the court. However, the court still credits the debtor's obligation by the amount of the gross proceeds. SB 79 would allow the collection assistance fee to be paid as an additional cost for debts owed to the court when the Kansas Setoff Program is utilized.

According to the Department of Administration, enactment of SB 79 would have no fiscal effect, as the Department would still retain the collection assistance fee.

Sincerely,

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cc: Pat Higgins, Administration