

February 7, 2014

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2517 by House Committee on Judiciary

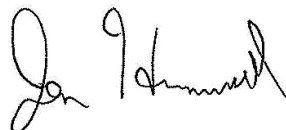
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2517 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2517 would repeal existing language that prohibits the benefits of wage garnishment in situations when an account is sold or assigned to a person or collection agency. Language specifying the exceptions to this restriction would also be repealed.

The Department of Administration notes that implementation of this bill would have a small effect on the number of wage garnishments being issued. Any additional garnishments would be processed within existing resources.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that passage of HB 2517 could have a fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch because collection agencies or individuals to whom accounts are sold would be able to file garnishments. This would require additional time from non-judicial personnel to file dockets and process the garnishments. It would also require judges to issue orders. The Judicial Branch would receive a surcharge of \$12.50 on garnishments filed through June 30, 2015. Because it is not known how many garnishments might be filed, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2517 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
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