

February 20, 2015

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 229 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 229 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 229 would create new advertising restrictions for attorneys who are not regularly admitted to practice in Kansas. The Disciplinary Administrator of the Kansas Supreme Court would be required to take action against any attorneys who violate the provisions of the bill, and file a complaint with the appropriate official or agency of any state in which the attorney is licensed. The bill would also define “advertising” as used in this bill.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that SB 229 could result in additional expenses for the Disciplinary Administrator related to actions filed; however, those expenses would be paid from the Bar Disciplinary Fund which is not a part of the Judicial Branch budget. If any matters are brought before the Kansas Supreme Court, the Office indicates additional costs would result from researching, processing and hearing those cases, but it is unknown how many cases may be filed and in what matter they may proceed. Therefore, a precise estimate of the expenditures by the Judicial Branch that may result from the passage of SB 229 cannot be provided.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary