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

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2497 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2497 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2497 would provide that a petitioner requesting a grand jury be summoned is immune from civil liability for any good-faith conduct under the grand juries article. The bill specifies that this person would be the first witness called by the grand jury for the purpose of presenting evidence and testimony as to the subject matter and allegations of the petition. The bill would clarify that the petitioner is the person who filed the petition and whose name, address and phone number appear on the face of each petition.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates any fiscal effect resulting from the enactment of HB 2497 would be negligible.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

Director of the Budget