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MEMORANDUM

To: House Judiciary Committee
From: Natalie Scott, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 20, 2019
Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2332

HB 2332 allows exemplary and punitive damages in wrongful death actions.

The bill amends K.S.A. 60-1901 to include punitive and exemplary damages in the types of damages allowable in a wrongful death action.

The bill also amends K.S.A. 60-1903 to exclude punitive and exemplary damages from the \$250,000 cap on nonpecuniary damages. The court would determine the amount of exemplary or punitive damages if awarded by the trier of fact in accordance with K.S.A. 60-3702.