

February 6, 2019

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

Dear Representative Patton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2097 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2097 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law sets the amount a county can tax as costs in an action to keep a defendant in a civil case imprisoned at \$1.50 per day. HB 2097 would change that amount to an amount equal to the amount provided by the county for maintenance of other county prisoners.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, enactment of HB 2097 would cause significant increases in revenue to the county jails across the state as most counties have higher per diem rates to house prisoners than \$1.50. An example provided by the Association is the per diem rate at Shawnee County which is \$73.75. The actual fiscal effect would vary from county to county depending on the number of persons civilly detained.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jay Hall, Association of Counties