

February 17, 2020

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

Dear Representative Patton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2699 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2699 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2699 would amend the Kansas Code for Care of Children by requiring Court Service Officers to assist with child in need of care cases when directed by a judge.

HB 2699 has the potential for increasing time spent by Court Service Officers (CSOs) for case supervision in child of need of care cases. The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that CSOs in four judicial districts routinely perform this service, and they occasionally do so in four other districts. By codifying this service, it is possible that more judges would assign CSOs to supervise these cases. The Office of Judicial Administration states that it is not possible to estimate the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a fiscal effect on expenditures cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2699 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Kim Holter, Children & Families  
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