

February 3, 2023

The Honorable Will Carpenter, Chairperson  
House Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Carpenter:

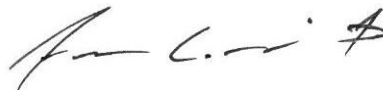
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2177 by Representatives Woodard, Meyer and S. Ruiz

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2177 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2177 would amend current law by removing the term “who are of opposite sex” when defining who is a party to a marriage contract. The bill would replace the term “take each other as husband and wife” and replace it with “desire to be married.” The bill would also remove the term “it is the strong public policy of this state only to recognize as valid marriages from other states that are between a man and a woman.”

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, enactment of HB 2177 would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary