

February 10, 2023

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

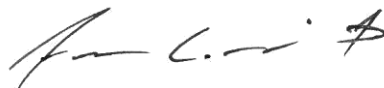
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 217 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 217 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 217 would include utilizing any electronic tracking systems or acquiring tracking information to determine the targeted person's location, movement, or travel patterns as an act that may be considered as a part of a course of conduct necessary to establish the crime of stalking. The bill would also prohibit such conduct under the Kansas Family Law Code, the Kansas Code for Care of Children, the Protection from Abuse Act, and the Protection from Stalking, Sexual Assault, or Human Trafficking Act.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of SB 217 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts related to stalking crimes, which would increase the time spent by judges and court employees in processing and deciding these cases. The Office states enactment of the bill would also affect what courts may order in cases involving electronic tracking systems or tracking information. Also, the Office indicates the bill's enactment could result in the collection of docket fees in cases filed under the bill's provisions, which would be deposited into the State General Fund. The Office indicates a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 217 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
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