

March 1, 2023

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Interstate Cooperation
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 368-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2426 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

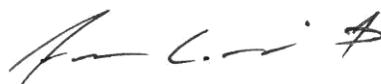
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2426 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2426 would specify that if a citizen-initiated grand jury is not summoned because of a defect in the petition, the initiating person would have the right to appeal the decision to not summon a citizen-initiated grand jury as a final judgment. If a court decides an issue related to the procedures or management of a citizen-initiated grand jury that the initiating person alleges is contrary to the law, including, but not limited to, a decision to employ any special counsel or investigator prior to selection by majority vote of the grand jury after hearing testimony from the initiating person, the initiating person would have the right to appeal the decision as a final judgement upon completion of the grand jury's investigation. The bill would define "initiating person."

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of HB 2426 would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch. The Office of the Attorney General is unable to estimate a fiscal effect resulting from the bill's enactment. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2426 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states the bill could have a fiscal effect on counties because the appeals process could extend the process of the citizen-initiated grand jury, which would increase costs for counties.

Sincerely,



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