

February 3, 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 115 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

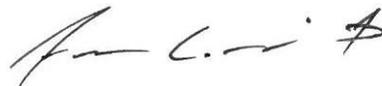
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 115 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 115 would require that upon filing an adoption petition, the hearing must be set within 60 days from the date the petition is filed. The list of individuals entitled to a ten-day notice of the hearing date in an independent or stepparent adoption would be expanded to include: the parents, whether presumed or possible parents; any person who has physical custody of the child; and any legal guardian of the child.

In a private agency adoption, the list would include the consenting agency; the parents, whether presumed parents or possible parents; any relinquishing person; any person who has physical custody of the child; and any legal guardian of the child. In a public agency adoption, notice would not be required to be given to a person whose parental rights have been terminated by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction or a person or agency who has waived in writing the right to receive notice.

The Office of Judicial Administration states enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on Judicial Branch operations because the bill's provisions would require district court clerks to send adoption hearing notices to additional individuals, which would increase the clerk's workload. 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 115 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary