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DATE: February 10, 2025  
TO: House Judiciary  
FROM: Susan Humphries, Kansas House of Representatives, District 99  
Re: Written Proponent Testimony HB2212

Dear Committee Members,

House Bill 2212 came from the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State. This committee meets 3-4 times per year from August to December to review claims that are made to the State as the last recourse for those who are seeking compensation or damages for alleged loss. Approximately 85% of the claims come from individuals who are housed at the state corrections institutions. The claims run from \$2.50 up into the millions of dollars.

The statutes that control the Special Claims Against the State Committee are K.S.A. Chapter 46, Article 9. This bill amends the statute to increase the amount that the Department of Corrections may pay for a claim from \$500 to \$750. If an inmate has a claim that exceeds the limit they shall provide notice to the secretary, although failing to do so does not preclude them from consideration from the committee.

I urge you to pass HB2212 out of committee for several reasons. First, the amount has not been increased for many years. In addition, this language clarifies that an inmate may go directly to the committee if the amount claimed is more than \$750, and avoids delay in the consideration of the claim.

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