

March 17, 2025

The Honorable Susan Humphries, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2403 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

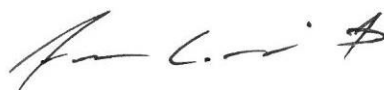
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2403 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2403 would specify that if a decedent's surviving parents cannot agree on the disposition of the decedent's remains within 60 days of death, then the mother alone would have first priority for a period of 30 days. If the mother does not order the final disposition of the remains within the 30-day period, then the father would be given first priority. The bill would allow any such parent who is incarcerated to sign a notarized statement to authorize final disposition.

The Board of Mortuary Arts states enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. However, the Board states the bill could affect local government because county coroners, hospitals, or funeral establishments may need to shelter the decedent's remains in refrigeration until the priority of the decedent's surviving parents and the disposition of the remains is determined.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2403 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary  
J.W. Carey, Board of Mortuary Arts