

February 3, 2026

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 2611 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2611 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2611 would require an appearance bond to be executed with sufficient solvent sureties who are residents of Kansas, unless a magistrate determines after a hearing at which the person that charged is present, that requiring sureties is not necessary to assure the appearance of the person. Under current law, there is no requirement that the person charged be present. If the magistrate determines that requiring sureties is not necessary, the bill would allow the magistrate to release the person. After the hearing in which a charged person would be required to be present, the bill would require a person charged with a nonperson crime to be released only if they meet certain qualifications, including being a lawful resident of Kansas; having no prior felony convictions; and not being charged with a drug severity level 1, 2, or 3 felony. The bill would take effect upon its publication in the statute book.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would increase expenditures on the Judicial Branch. The bill would require a hearing to be held with the defendant present before a judge can determine that a surety is not required before releasing the defendant charged with a nonperson crime on their own recognizance. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2611 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary