



February 4, 2026

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 398 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 398 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 398 would allow an expert witness to testify if the proponent demonstrates to the court that it is more likely than not that the expert's scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue. The bill would also add that expert witness testimony would be allowed if the expert's opinion reflects a reliable application of the principles and methods to the facts of the case.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on expenditures of the Judicial Branch that could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 398 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary