



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 413 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 413 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 413 would prohibit a party or counsel from offering the following to suggest to the jury an amount to award as damages for noneconomic loss: (1) a specified dollar amount, (2) a range of dollar amounts, (3) a mathematical formula or units of time, or (4) a reference to objects or values lacking any relevant connection to the facts proved by the evidence. The bill species that its provisions would be severable. The bill would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could extend the length of some trials and would likely increase the number of appeals because it would prohibit counsel from suggesting an amount to award as damages for noneconomic loss in civil actions. This would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases, which could increase expenditures for the Judicial Branch. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 413 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary