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Testimony Opponent of SB 425

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

I am Tim Mulcahy the director of the Johnson County Justice Information Management Systems. I am in favor of the statewide E-Filing concept but opposed to the mechanism, to raise the funding for a statewide e-Filing system. In 2004, the JIMS dept. created a free public website for the citizens of Kansas. Currently, the free website has over 500,000 inquiries per month. The secure website which allows for free access to documents receives over 80,000 inquiries per month. In 2011, we started E-Filing for all civil case types. Currently 54% of all new case filings in Civil are E-Filed. This bill would also harm the current free websites in Johnson County. The current fee proposal would have the following affect on Johnson County.

- Deter attorneys from e-filing which will increase the workload on the Clerk's, District Attorney and Sheriff's Offices. This makes these offices much less efficient in the way the conduct business.
- By eliminating the free website, this would cause more than 50% foot traffic and phone calls to the Clerk's Office, District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office.

I would suggest in lieu of an E-Filing fees, document access fees, and court access fees to charge a minimal fee for all civil filings.

Sincerely,



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