



TO: House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Chad Austin
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RE: Substitute for Senate Bill 283

The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates the opportunity to comment in opposition regarding the provisions of Substitute for Senate Bill 283, which increases the amount sheriff's may charge for the service, execution, and return of any process from \$5 to \$15. As outlined in the proposed legislation, "process" is defined as any summons, alias summons, pleading, writ, order, notice or any other paper issued by a court clerk.

The Kansas Hospital Association's concerns focus on two specific areas. Our first concern focuses on the proposed flat fee amount of \$15 and whether this suggested increase is greater than what may be necessary. We would be concerned that such a large increase would ultimately be shifted to our member hospitals. Our second issue of concern focuses on the ability for the sheriff's to charge for the unsuccessful attempts to serve, execute, or return process. We believe a fee should not be incurred when these attempts are unsuccessful.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.