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Senate Bill 79
Debt Set-off Collection Fee

TESTIMONY

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators (KADCCA) regarding Senate Bill 79.

KADCCA is asking to amend K.S.A. 75-6210 to provide that the debt set-off collection assistance fee be paid as an additional cost for all debts owed to the court when a debt set-off procedure is utilized. Under current law, the 18.4 percent debt setoff collection assistance fee is paid from the amount collected, making the amount remitted to the court 18.4 percent less than the debt owed.

KADCCA would ask that the debt setoff collection assistance fee be identical to the debt collection fee authorized in K.S.A. 75-719, which is: "the cost of collection shall be paid from the amount collected, but shall not be deducted from the debts owed to the courts or restitution."

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