

January 31, 2017

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 541-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 62 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 62 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 62 would modify procedures used in citizen-initiated grand jury proceedings by allowing the right to appeal if a grand jury is not summoned by the judges of the district court because of a finding related to the form of the petition or the required signatures. The finding would be treated as a final judgment and the appeal right would belong to the person who filed the petition and whose name and contact information appears on the face of the petition. The bill would provide that the provisions of KSA 25-3601 related to sufficiency of petitions would not apply to a grand jury petition.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates SB 62 could increase Judicial Branch expenditures beginning in FY 2018 for additional staff time spent by appellate court employees and appellate court judges in processing and deciding cases as well as additional revenues from docket fees for additional appellate cases filed. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 62 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary