

January 25, 2021

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519C-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

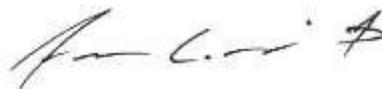
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2082 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2082 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2082 would add children 16 years of age or younger who have witnessed a violent crime to the definition of "victim." The bill would allow the Crime Victims Compensation Board to waive the requirement for mental health counseling to be filed with the Board within two years of the crime being reported to law enforcement for victims of sexually violent crimes.

The Office of the Attorney General estimates the bill would result in an increase in claims and payments made to victims of sexually violent crimes and child witnesses of violent crimes for mental health counseling; however, the agency is unable to estimate how many additional claims may be filed or paid resulting from the enactment of HB 2082. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2082 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General