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The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson House Committee on Judiciary Statehouse, Room 582-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2651 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2651 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2651 would allow a person who is assessed a fine, fee, or court costs for a traffic citation to petition the court to establish a payment plan. If a petition is filed, the court would be required to establish a payment plan that divides the fine, fee, or court costs into not less than 12 payments with one payment due each calendar month.

The Office of Judicial Administration states the bill's enactment could have a fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch because the bill's provisions authorize individuals who have incurred costs in a traffic case to file a petition to set up a payment plan and the court would be required to comply with the petition. For the district courts that have not yet been converted from FullCourt to the Odyssey case management system, this would increase the workload for the court clerks to manually administer the payment plan outside of FullCourt. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill's provisions. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2651 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties states if the bill is enacted, county revenues could increase by providing a longer opportunity for individuals to pay the fine who may not have had

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the means to do so when initially fined. The League of Kansas Municipalities states the bill's enactment would have a negligible fiscal effect on cities.

Sincerely,

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