

February 15, 2023

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2381 by House Committee on Judiciary

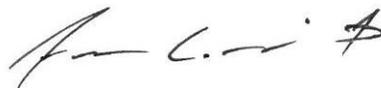
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2381 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2381 would revise the Kansas Code for Care of Children by requiring the court to appoint an attorney to represent a child who is the subject of child in need of care proceeding, making the guardian ad litem appointment optional. The appointed attorney would have access to all information and records necessary for the representation of the child.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the agency could absorb any fiscal effect on expenditures associated with HB 2381. The Department for Children and Families indicates that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2381 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that the bill would create additional costs for counties because of the requirement to appoint an attorney, but these costs are unknown.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary  
Kim Holter, Department for Children & Families  
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties