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Testimony in Support of
Senate Bill 309 – Disposition of Judicial Branch Docket Fees

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Chairman Wilborn and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 309, which would extend the deposit of the first \$3.1 million of docket fee revenue into the Electronic Filing and Management Fund, by two fiscal years, before that amount reduces to \$1.5 million for maintenance.

K.S.A. 201a20 establishes the Electronic Filing and Management Fund for the purpose of creating, implementing, and managing an electronic filing and centralized case management system: the Judicial Branch's eCourt project. Currently, K.S.A. 20-362(e) provides that \$3.1 million in docket fees is deposited in the Electronic Filing and Management Fund, however, at the end of FY 2019 the deposited amount is scheduled to decrease to \$1 million with the remaining \$2.1 million flowing into the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund.

Because of ongoing development and implementation of the eCourt project, we ask that the current sunset of FY 2019 be extended for two additional fiscal years through the close of FY 2021. At that time, based upon the maintenance agreements with Judicial Branch vendors, we anticipate the \$3.1 million could be reduced in FY 2022. However, instead of the reduction going to \$1 million it is anticipated that maintenance will require \$1.5 million. This bill would achieve both the extension and the reduction to a revised \$1.5 million in FY 2022.

This bill does not require any new appropriation from the Legislature, it only seeks to redistribute docket fees into Judicial Branch funds with the legislative authorization outlined above.

Thank you allowing me to testify today and for your consideration of this bill. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have.