

February 20, 2020

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

Dear Senator Wilborn:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 447 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 447 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 447 would require any person, other than a lawyer, in a contingency fee arrangement to be held jointly liable for costs and sanctions. Except as stipulated or ordered by the court, a party would provide the fee agreement without waiting for the discovery request. Non-parties would be reasonably compensated for the cost of responding to a subpoena by the issuer of the subpoena.

The Office of Judicial Administration estimates enactment of SB 447 would have a negligible fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell  
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary