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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Bob Lewis, Chairperson House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Lewis:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2228 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2228 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2228 would require the Secretary of Corrections to assist inmates with obtaining identification and employment related documents prior to release from custody. Within nine months prior to the release of an inmate from custody, the Secretary would be required to make a reasonable effort to provide the inmate with a certified copy of a birth certificate and a Social Security card. The Secretary would also be required to issue the inmate a state ID; records of work, vocational training, or educational certification, if applicable; and a resume that includes any trades or skills learned by the inmate. The provisions of the bill would not apply to inmates who are being released into the custody of another jurisdiction or inmates who are unable to return to the workforce as determined by the Secretary.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Expenditures			
State General Fund		\$282,675	\$282,675
Fee Fund(s)			
Federal Fund			
Total Expenditures		\$282,675	\$282,675
Revenues			
State General Fund			
Fee Fund(s)			
Federal Fund			
Total Revenues			
FTE Positions		4.00	4.00

The Department of Corrections indicates that enactment of the bill would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$282,675 in both FY 2026 and FY 2027. The agency reports that its current state ID issuance program is operated by 1.00 FTE position and assisted 29.0 percent of the 3,808 inmates who returned to the community in FY 2024. The Department estimates that to make a reasonable effort to provide multiple forms of documentation to 100.0 percent of the pre-release population, it would require the addition of 3.00 FTE regional release coordinators who would be stationed at correctional facilities in eastern, central, and western Kansas, and 1.00 FTE statewide release coordinator to oversee the program and manage its operations. The Department of Revenue indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2228 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jennifer King, Department of Corrections Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue