

March 2, 2012

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2636 by House Committee on Corrections and
Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2636 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the crime of denial of civil rights is defined as intentionally denying another, on account of race, color, ancestry, national origin, or religion the full and equal use and enjoyment of certain services, facilities, privileges. HB 2636 would add sexual orientation and gender identity to the definition of the crime.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of HB 2636 could increase the number of criminal cases filed in district courts and the number of appeals relating to civil rights violations. If it does, the Office indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system in the form of additional staff time required by district court and appellate court personnel to process, research, and hear cases. Also, the bill could result in the collection of additional docket fees and civil penalties. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2636 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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