

February 15, 2013

The Honorable John Rubin, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rubin:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2239 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2239 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2239 would criminalize the possession of a firearm during the commission of specific misdemeanors. The penalty for criminal possession of a firearm during a misdemeanor listed in the bill would be a class A misdemeanor. In addition to any other sentence imposed, a person convicted of criminal possession of a firearm during a misdemeanor would be fined \$2,500.

HB 2239 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because of the new crime created by the bill. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. 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. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2239 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary