

February 3, 2014

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

Dear Representative Rubin:

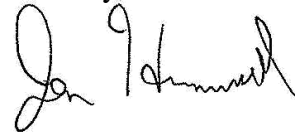
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2496 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2496 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, it is unlawful for commercial establishments to knowingly display, present, or distribute materials considered harmful to minors. HB 2496 would apply the prohibition of promoting harmful materials to public establishments as well. The bill would also change the legal standard used in defining the crime from “knowingly” promoting harmful materials to “recklessly” promoting such materials.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2496 has the potential to increase the number of cases relating to promoting harmful materials to minors filed in district courts and the number of appeals filed in appellate courts. This would increase the time spent by district and appellate court judicial and non-judicial personnel to process, research, and hear cases. Likewise, the additional cases could also result in the collection of added revenue from docket fees. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases or appeals 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 2496 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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