

February 28, 2014

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

Dear Representative Rubin:

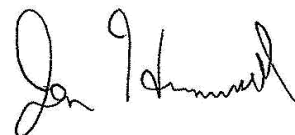
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2658 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2658 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2658 would update the crimes of battery against a mental health employee and trafficking in contraband by eliminating references to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The bill would further clarify that battery against a mental health employee is battery committed against a mental health employee by a person in the custody of a care and treatment facility and trafficking in contraband in a care and treatment facility includes items defined as contraband by the Department for Aging and Disability Services. The definition of "mental health employee" would be amended to mean employees or subcontractors of care and treatment facilities. The definition of "care and treatment facility" would be added to the battery provisions.

Because HB 2658 updates or clarifies existing law and does not increase penalties for the crimes of battery or trafficking in contraband, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. Likewise, the Department for Aging and Disability Services states there would be no fiscal effect on operations at the state hospitals or other facilities.

Sincerely,



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Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary  
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission  
Brad Ridley, Aging & Disability Services  
Jeremy Barclay, Corrections