

March 18, 2014

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

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2660 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2660 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2660 would create the crimes of abandonment of a human corpse and failing to summon assistance. Abandonment of a human corpse would be defined as abandoning, disposing, deserting, or leaving a corpse without properly reporting the location of the human body to law enforcement. Abandonment of a human corpse would be a class A person misdemeanor.

Failing to summon assistance would be defined as a person who knowingly fails to summon assistance if they were present when a crime was committed against another person; knew that the other person had suffered serious bodily harm as a result of a crime and was in need of assistance; could have reasonably summoned for assistance without putting themselves in danger; failed to summon assistance for the person in need; and another person had not summoned for assistance. Failing to summon assistance would be a severity level 7, person felony.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that HB 2660 has the potential to increase the number of cases 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.

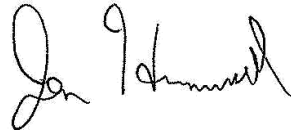
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According to the Kansas Sentencing Commission, HB 2660 would have no effect on prison bed space. The Board of Indigents Defense does not expect the bill to have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2660 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Hummell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "H".

Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
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Jeremy Barclay, KDOC