

February 13, 2013

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 88 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 88 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, any defendant convicted of a crime in which a minor is a victim must pay an assessment fee of \$100. The fee is deposited into the Children's Advocacy Center Fund. The bill would increase that fee to \$400.

If the bill is implemented, it would increase the revenue into the Children's Advocacy Center Fund which is administered by the Attorney General. The bill leaves to the discretion of the courts the ability to waive the full or partial amount of the assessment fee. The Attorney General's records indicate that it is common for fees to be waived or reduced. In FY 2012, the assessment fee generated \$8,347; however, without knowing how the courts would use their jurisdiction to adjust fees, it is impossible to determine the amount of additional revenue the fee increase would generate. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 88 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
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