

January 28, 2015

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 2050 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2050 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2050 would allow district courts to impose Justice Reinvestment Initiative sanctions if an offender absconds from supervision while on probation, assignment to a community correctional services program, suspension of sentence or non-prison sanction. Courts may impose immediate sanctions such as continuing or modifying terms of probation, a 120-day sanction under the custody of the Department of Corrections, or a 180-day sanction under the custody of the Department of Corrections without imposing a two to three day county jail sanction.

According to the Kansas Sentencing Commission, HB 2050 would have an effect on prison admissions and prison bed space; however, no absconder information exists in the agency's databases from which to make any estimates.

If the passage of HB 2050 creates the need for additional adult prison beds, there would be a fiscal effect for the Department of Corrections. As of January 12, 2015, the available bed capacity is 9,636. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2015 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population will exceed available male capacity by 85 inmates in FY 2015, 109 inmates in FY 2016, and 162 inmates in FY 2017. In the event the bill increases the number of inmates, additional funding may be needed for the Department of Corrections to house these inmates in contract beds until additional capacity can be constructed. Construction costs would depend upon the security level of the beds to be constructed and when construction is actually undertaken. Absent the passage of any other legislation, increases in the female population and the minimum security male population can be absorbed within existing resources. Likewise, any further prison

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commitments that result in additional parolees could require additional staff and resources so that the parolees could be effectively supervised.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2050 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Jeremy Barclay, DOC
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