

February 15, 2016

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 2688 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2688 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2688 would expand the definition of assault of a law enforcement officer to include private correctional officers. A violation would be a class A, person misdemeanor. The bill would also expand the definition of battery against a law enforcement to include private corrections officers, and a violation would be a severity level five, person felony.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2688 would have an effect on prison admissions, bed space, and the agency's workload; however, the Commission cannot provide an estimate at this time since the agency has no information available regarding private correctional officers. If the Commission provides an estimate, a revised fiscal note will be issued.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of HB 2688 would increase expenditures for counties because the workload of prosecutors would increase with the expanded definitions of assault and battery to a law enforcement officer. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2688 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
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cc: Adam Pfannenstiel, Corrections
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
Larry Baer, League of Municipalities