

January 30, 2020

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151B-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2484 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2484 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2484 would increase to 50.0 percent the amount of good time incarceration credit allowed for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2020. Current law limits this credit to 15.0 or 20.0 percent, depending on the severity of the crime.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2484 would result in a decrease of 150 adult prison beds needed by the end of FY 2021. By the end of FY 2030, 2,020 fewer beds would be needed. The Commission indicates the bill would have no effect on prison admissions. The current estimated available bed capacity is 9,013 for males and 903 for females. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2020 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population for available male capacity will be over capacity by 258 inmates in FY 2020 and 524 inmates in FY 2021. The Department would house any additional inmates over the capacity limit in contract jail beds. Based on the Commission's projections, the Department of Corrections indicates that a reduction in the prison population is beneficial toward avoiding future costs, but is not sufficient to reduce current prison expenditures. However, the Department estimates HB 2484 could help the state avoid millions of dollars in costs for future construction, operations and contract beds between FY 2022 and FY 2029. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2484 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission