

February 21, 2005

The Honorable Jim Morrison, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 171-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Morrison:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2337 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2337 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2337 would create the crime of illegal importation of prescription drugs, which would occur when drugs arrive in the United States outside of the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) statutes. The bill sets the penalty for a violation as a class E felony, a fine of not more than \$2,000, or both.

Since it is already illegal to import drugs outside of FDA regulations, passage of HB 2337 would not place any additional responsibilities on the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. The Kansas Sentencing Commission states that the effect on prison admissions and population levels cannot be determined, because there are no defined parameters by which to do so in the category of a class E felony under Kansas Sentencing Guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane A. Goossen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin red rectangular border.

Duane A. Goossen
Director of the Budget

cc: Debra Billingsley, Pharmacy
Patti Biggs, Sentencing Commission
Jeremy Barclay, Dept. of Corrections