February 28, 2019

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2161 by Representative Alcala

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2161 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2161 would require the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) to establish an animal abuse registry on or before November 1, 2020. The registry would be required to be posted online and associated with a public website. The bill identifies certain crimes that would require placement on the registry along with identifiable information that would be required to be posted online for each offender. The bill also identifies the length of time that each offender would be required to be identifiable on the registry. The Judicial Branch would be required to provide the KBI with copies of complaints, indictments, information, journal entries or any other documents necessary for the KBI to add individuals to the registry.

The KBI estimates enactment of HB 2161 would increase agency expenditures by anywhere between $121,996 to $271,996 from the State General Fund in FY 2020. Included in the agency’s estimate is $18,870 for salaries and wages for a 0.50 FTE Senior Administrative Specialist position to enter information into the animal abuse registry and $1,185 for other associated operating expenditures. The KBI estimates building a system and website for an animal abuse registry would cost anywhere between $100,000 to $250,000. Additional expenditures would also be necessary for one-time capital outlay items totaling $1,941.

The Judicial Branch indicates enactment of HB 2161 would increase staff time dedicated to providing necessary information to the KBI which would increase expenditures incurred by the courts. However, the Judicial Branch cannot estimate the fiscal effect because the amount of
information that would be required to be submitted to the KBI is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2161 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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