February 22, 2019

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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for HB 2337 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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

HB 2337 would amend current law to remove the 15-person maximum for corrections advisory boards but maintain the 12-person minimum. The bill also specifies that the board of county commissioners of the county would appoint or, if two or more counties are cooperating, the boards of county commissioners of those counties would, together, appoint an executive director of a community mental health center, or if there is no community mental health center within the county or counties, a representative of mental health service providers in the county or counties.

The bill would change grant payments to counties from the Department of Corrections from semi-annual to quarterly. Beginning on and after July 1, 2019, the bill would remove the previously determined supervision success rate of 75.0 percent and replace it with a success rate as determined by the Secretary of Corrections as set out in the correctional service standards.

HB 2337 would establish a goal of increasing the number of offenders who successfully complete a community correctional services program, as opposed to a goal of reducing revocations, as well as target offenders who are high-risk for recidivism by applying an optimal dosage of services, pro-social structure, and supervision strategies based on the offender’s assessed level of risk and criminogenic needs.
The Kansas Sentencing Commission and the Department of Corrections state enactment of HB 2337 could have an effect on prison beds and admissions; however, the Commission and the Department cannot estimate an effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2337 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties estimates enactment of HB 2337 could have a fiscal effect on counties that do not meet the program benchmarks set by the Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,

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cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary  
    Jay Hall, Association of Counties  
    Linda Kelly, Corrections  
    Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission