

February 12, 2024

The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chairperson  
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Owens:

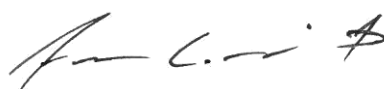
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2698 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2698 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2698 would authorize the Secretary of Corrections to allow juvenile inmates to leave the grounds of a correctional facility without an accompanying supervisor to attend activities related to risk reduction and reintegration. These activities would include, but not be limited to, employment, job interviews, education, job training or skill development classes or programs, and treatment. The Secretary would be required to develop policies and procedures to ensure adequate oversight, accountability, and supervision of the juveniles.

The Department of Corrections indicates that the bill would require it to develop a plan to allow juvenile inmates to leave the grounds of a correctional facility under certain conditions. The Department would likely reallocate one or two staff members to facilitate cooperation/agreements with community organizations to connect residents to these services and opportunities related to risk reduction and reintegration. Additionally, one to two staff members may be required to provide transportation and limited supervision while the resident is in the community. The Department indicates that the cost to perform these duties would be minimal and could be absorbed within existing resources and staff levels.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer King, Department of Corrections