February 11, 2014

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

Dear Representative Rubin:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2566 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2566 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the court must order a separate court cost of $400 for each offense if forensic science or laboratory services or forensic computer examination services were used in connection with the investigation of a crime by certain named organizations specified in the bill. This is charged in cases when a person is convicted, diverted, or adjudicated, or diverted under a preadjudication program, for a misdemeanor or felony identified in current law. HB 2566 would add forensic audio and video examination services to the list of investigative activities, which could trigger imposition of the fee. Further, HB 2566 would add the Garden City Police Department Computer, Audio, and Video Forensics Laboratory to the list of named investigating organizations. Fees for services provided by the Garden City Police Department Computer, Audio, and Video Forensic Laboratory would be credited to the Garden City General Fund.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates there would be no fiscal effect to the Judicial Branch if HB 2566 were enacted. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the City of Garden City could receive additional revenue from enactment of HB 2566; however, the League cannot estimate how much additional revenue would be generated. Further, the League states there would be a fiscal effect upon Kansas cities if HB 2566 were enacted, but the League does not know how many city-originated cases would involve new charges authorized for audio and video analysis or if the city-originated cases would come from isolated cities or from across the state. The League cannot determine what fiscal effect HB 2566 would have upon Kansas cities.

Sincerely,

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