January 27, 2015

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 2055 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2055 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2055 would require that if a crime is a misdemeanor in another state, the State of Kansas must refer to the comparable offense in order to classify the out-of-state crime as a class A, B, or C misdemeanor. If the comparable misdemeanor crime in Kansas is a felony, the out-of-state crime would be classified as a class A misdemeanor. If Kansas does not have a comparable crime, the out-of-state crime would be classified as a class C misdemeanor.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that HB 2055 would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. The bill’s provisions regarding out-of-state misdemeanor convictions are clarifying in nature and in most instances should not require additional work from court services officers.

According to the Kansas Sentencing Commission, the bill would have no effect on prison admissions, bed space, or the journal entry workload of the agency.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc:  Pat Scalia, Indigents Defense Services
     Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
     Mary Rinehart, Judiciary