February 17, 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 2335 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2335 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2335 would create an alternative incarceration credit for inmates and would require the Department of Corrections to adopt rules and regulations providing for a system of calculating the credit. The amount of time which could be earned and retained by an offender as alternative incarceration credit could not exceed 5.0 percent of the prison part of the sentence. Offenders who earn alternative incarceration credits must serve the time that is credited at the end of their sentence on a house arrest program and must be monitored by an electronic monitoring device. Any time that is earned and served on a house arrest program would not be added to an offender’s postrelease supervision term.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates that HB 2335 would have an effect on adult prison bed space; however, the precise effect cannot be determined until the specific rules and regulations for alternative incarceration credits are developed.

According to the Department of Corrections, the bill would create additional house arrest expenditures of approximately $4,025 per year per offender. This amount includes $1,825 per offender for one year of GPS service costs and $2,200 per offender for parole officer time to respond to alarms or alerts. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2335 is not reflected in The FY 2016 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Jeremy Barclay, Corrections  
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission