February 23, 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 2338 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2338 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2338 would add an exemption to the group of offenses that are classified as inherently dangerous felonies within the crime of murder in the first degree. Under current law, unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance, unlawful cultivation or distribution of a controlled substance, and unlawful possession of controlled substances are classified as inherently dangerous felonies. HB 2338 would exclude marijuana from these offenses.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission states that HB 2338 would have no effect on prison admissions, prison beds or the workload of the agency. Also, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

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