

February 1, 2016

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 2501 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2501 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, crime committed with an electronic device is defined with a specific list of references to certain criminal statutes. HB 2501 would expand the definition by specifying that it includes, but is not limited to, the identified list of criminal statutes.

The Office of Judicial Administration estimates enactment of HB 2501 could result in additional filings or criminal charges in an existing case. Additionally, the Office states there could be a fiscal effect on both docket fees and fine revenue if additional cases are filed. Until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of HB 2501, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect upon the Judicial Branch cannot be given.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that passage of HB 2501 could result in an increase of adult prison beds needed in FY 2017. As of January 15, 2016, the available bed capacity is 9,636. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2016 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population will exceed available male capacity 326 inmates in FY 2016 and 516 inmates in FY 2017. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2501 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
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cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
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Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office