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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2086 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2086 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2086 would amend the Kansas Offender Registration Act. The bill would eliminate persons who are convicted of unlawful cultivation or distribution of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs, or certain specified stimulants from inclusion in the definition of “drug offender” under the law.

Under current law, it is a class A misdemeanor for failure to remit the required registration payment to a sheriff’s office within 15 days of registration. It is a severity level nine felony if two or more full registration payments have not been remitted within 15 days of the most recent registration. HB 2086 would eliminate the felony classification and make any violation that consists solely of a failure to remit a required payment a class A misdemeanor.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of HB 2086 would not have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch. The Kansas Sentencing Commission states the bill would have an effect on prison beds and admissions; however, the Commission cannot provide an estimate.
The Kansas Association of Counties indicates passage of HB 2086 could result in increased expenditures for counties if additional violators are placed in county jails as opposed to being placed in a state correctional facility. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2086 is not reflected in The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
    Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
    Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
    Pat Scalia, Indigents Defense Services
    Brianna Landon, Corrections