The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 519-N  
Topeka, Kansas  66612  

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2522 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2522 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2522 would repeal immunity of individuals from arrest, detention in custody, charging, or civil liability for use of justified force to protect oneself, another, or home.

HB 2522 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because additional cases could be filed in district courts, as well as potential appeals that could be filed. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to estimate the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates enactment of HB 2522 could result in additional prison beds and admissions; however, the Commission does not have any data to estimate an effect.

The Office of the Attorney General estimates there could be additional expenditures from the State General Fund if a lawsuit is filed in court; however, an amount cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2522 is not reflected in The FY 2019 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Chief Budget Officer

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary  
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