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 2739 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2739 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2739 would amend the Kansas Offender Registration Act. Under current law, the definition of “sex offender” includes juveniles who commit a sexually violent crime unless the court finds that the crime was non-forcible, the victim was at least 14 years old, and the offender was not more than four years older than the victim. The bill would amend the definition of “sex offender” to include juveniles who commit a sexually violent crime and eliminate the exception for non-forcible crimes. HB 2739 would also amend the definition of “sexually violent crime” by removing an identical exception for acts which have been determined beyond a reasonable doubt to have been sexually motivated.

The bill would amend juvenile registration time periods by removing an exception for juveniles having non-forcible contact with a victim who is at least 14 years old. HB 2739 would also remove all exceptions for juvenile offenders less than 14 years old committing a sexually violent crime and would require the offenders to register for life.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, enactment of HB 2739 would not have a fiscal effect upon the Judicial Branch. The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates enactment of HB 2739 would not have an effect on prison admission or bed space.

Sincerely,

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cc: Linda Kelly, Corrections  
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary  
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission