

January 30, 2020

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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2469 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2469 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of Corrections may grant the release of an inmate deemed by a medical doctor to have a terminal medical condition likely to cause death within 30 days. If the inmate does not die within 30 days, current law stipulates that the released inmate is subject to revocation. HB 2469 would increase the number of days a doctor must deem an inmate likely to die or be subject to revocation to 90 days.

The Department of Corrections indicates that it has released one inmate under this process since 2013 and states that expanding the window to 90 days would likely increase the number of potential candidates for release. However, the Department anticipates that the number of individuals who would be eligible for consideration and released under HB 2469 would be minimal and would have a negligible fiscal impact that could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates that enactment of the bill would have no effect on prison admissions. However, the Commission indicates the bill could affect prison bed space, depending on the number of individuals that may be released, but the effect cannot be determined.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of HB 2469 would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2469 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. L. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a smaller "L" followed by "Campbell".

Larry L. Campbell
Director of the budget

cc: Randy Bowman, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary