

February 3, 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 2475 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2475 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2475 would amend private registration requirements for drug offenders convicted of distribution from 15 years to five years. The bill would also allow law enforcement to access offender registration information, but would prohibit access by the public and publication on any website.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) indicates enactment of HB 2475 would significantly increase the number of registrations that it would have to immediately review. The Offender Registration Unit of the KBI reviews each offender's registration term to ensure it was properly completed. The KBI states that there are currently 4,158 drug offenders and each review takes approximately one hour and fifteen minutes to complete. The agency indicates it would take approximately 26 weeks with a current staff of five to complete the reviews and notify all the offenders by mail either that they are no longer required to register or that they have a new end-of-registration date. The fiscal effect on the agency would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of the bill would result in a decrease of adult prison beds, prison admissions, and the workload of the Commission. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated due to a lack of probation revocation data for violations that occur during years five through 15 of registration. A reduction of prison beds and admissions could reduce expenditures for the Department of Corrections. However, a fiscal effect cannot be determined.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2475 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "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: Paul Weisgerber, KBI
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission