

February 18, 2021

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 2276 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

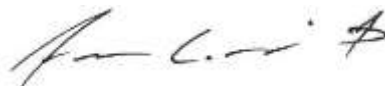
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2276 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2276 would remove “and when the child and the offender are members of the opposite sex” from the definition of “unlawful voluntary sexual relations.”

The Office of Judicial Administration states that enactment of HB 2276 could increase the number of cases filed in district court because it expands the definition of unlawful voluntary sexual relations. The expanded definition could result in more time spent by court employees and judges processing and hearing cases. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill’s provisions.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission states enactment of the bill would have no effect on prison admissions or beds. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2276 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary
Jay Hall, Association of Counties
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission