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Representative Colloton:

We recently discussed HB 2413 and the administrative issues it would raise for the Department of Revenue in its current form. HB 2413 would amend the income taxpayer information confidentiality statute, KSA 79-3234, to require the Department to provide information from tax returns to the Board of Indigents' Defense Service to verify the financial status of a defendant requesting legal defense services. Currently, our process for requesting copies of income tax returns is a manual one. The individual seeking a copy of the return requests the return in writing, and for a charge of \$5, the Department sends the individual a copy of the tax return.

We understand that the Board anticipates approximately 26,000 defendants per year will be seeking legal defense services. The Department could not respond to this volume of requests for copies of tax returns without having to hire at least one additional staff person, as that volume would be significantly higher than the total number of requests we currently receive for copies of tax returns per year.

In order to minimize the Department's administrative costs in responding to this proposal, the Department respectfully requests that House Bill 2413 be amended, as suggested in the attached document. If we receive the request for information from the Board in the form of an electronic list, such as on a CD, with the names and SSN's of the defendants and relevant tax year, we can match that list against our database and provide to the Board the following information as an electronic stream of data: Kansas adjusted gross income, number of dependents claimed, and tax year for each defendant. The data will need to be provided electronically in a secure manner.

Please let me know if there are additional questions or you need further information.



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Sincerely,  
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