

January 27, 2011

The Honorable Pat Colloton, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 167-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Colloton:

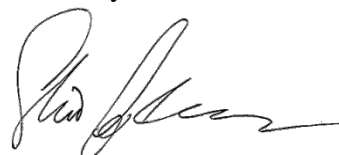
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2031 by Representative Smith, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2031 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2031 would allow the attorney general in any judicial district or a district or county attorney to petition the chief judge of the district court to order a grand jury. The purpose of the grand jury would be to investigate alleged violations of an off-grid felony, a severity level 1 through 5 felonies or a drug severity level 1 or 2 felony. The chief judge in the district court would consider the petition and, if the petition is in proper form, the grand jury would be summoned.

The Judiciary expects that the passage of HB 2031 would result in the increased use of grand juries. The summoning and impaneling of a grand jury to investigate alleged criminal violations requires additional time spent by clerks and judges. However, it cannot be estimated how often a grand jury would be summoned. As a result, no precise fiscal effect to the Judicial Branch can be given at this time.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary