

January 17, 2012

The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 559-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 280 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 280 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 280 relates to the evaluation of a sexually violent predator. Under current law, an expert witness can be called at the trial stage of a sexually violent predator proceeding, but not at the probable cause hearing that would occur prior to any evaluation and trial. SB 280 would allow the person to have expert witnesses at any proceeding, including the probable cause hearing. The person conducting the evaluation would have to tell the detained person the purpose of the evaluation and that it would not be confidential.

Enactment of SB 280 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
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