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The Honorable John Rubin, Chairperson House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Statehouse, Room 151-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rubin:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2707 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2707 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2707 would permit parole officers to carry firearms while performing their duties provided the officers have completed the requisite training prescribed by the Department of Corrections.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2015
	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds
Revenue				
Expenditure			\$437,500 to \$562,500	\$437,500 to \$562,500
FTE Pos.				

The Department of Corrections indicates that training and equipping parole officers with firearms would require additional expenditures ranging from \$437,500 to \$562,500 from the State General Fund in FY 2015. If the Department supplies the firearms and other equipment, it is estimated that the training and equipment costs for each officer would total approximately \$4,500. This amount includes \$2,000 for a two-week training course, \$1,000 for weapons and equipment, and \$1,500 for a required psychiatric evaluation. If the Department is not required to provide weapons and equipment, the cost per officer would be reduced by \$1,000. Currently, there are 125 parole officers. Any fiscal effect resulting from enactment of HB 2707 is not included in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

on Hummell,

Interim Director of the Budget