

January 28, 2014

The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 341-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

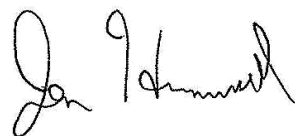
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 290 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 290 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 290 would modify the arraignment process by requiring the use of two-way electronic audio-video communication between the defendant and the judge, in lieu of the personal presence of the defendant in court, when equipment is available.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that judicial districts which have two-way electronic audio-video communication available to them currently use the equipment to conduct arraignments. To the extent that arraignments are not already conducted in this manner, SB 290 would result in a reduction in county expenditures for transporting prisoners. Until the courts have had an opportunity to operate with the provisions of SB 290 in place, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary