

February 11, 2014

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

Dear Senator King:

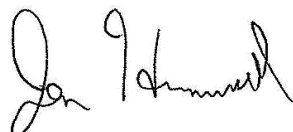
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 310 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 310 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law allows district or county attorneys or the Attorney General to petition for a grand jury to be summoned to consider any alleged felony law violations. SB 310 would allow a grand jury to also consider misdemeanor law violations which arise as a part of the same criminal conduct or investigation. The prosecution would be permitted to amend an indictment for the purpose of effecting a change of plea by the defendant under the terms of the plea agreement.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of SB 310 could increase the expenditures of the Judicial Branch since allowing the grand jury to consider misdemeanor violations in addition to felonies could increase the duration of the grand jury's deliberations. However, it is not possible to predict how complex and time-consuming the deliberations would be. Therefore a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office