

January 23, 2017

The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2070 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2070 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training to establish and maintain a central registry of all Kansas police and law enforcement officers and applicable termination reports for those officers. HB 2070 would amend this law to make the registry and the reports confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA). The bill would also make complaints, reports, records, or other information relating to a complaint to be confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Kansas Open Records Act except under the circumstances specified by the bill.

Currently, the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training indicates that passage of HB 2070 would have no immediate fiscal effect on the agency's budget. It could, however, reduce the need for additional staff to fulfill KORA requests and possibly prevent lawsuits over disagreements about what information the agency can and cannot release.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Gary Steed, Peace Officers
Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office