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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2648 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2648 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2648 would include federal law enforcement officers engaged in the performance of their duties in the definition of "law enforcement officers" relating to the crimes of assault and battery. A "federal law enforcement officer" would be defined in KSA 2017 Supp. 21-5413.

HB 2648 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because the bill expands the crimes of assault and battery to include federal law enforcement officers. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be determined. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission states that enactment of HB 2648 could influence prison admissions and bed space; however, the Commission cannot estimate an effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2648 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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