

February 18, 2019

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 2270 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2270 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2270 would remove “when the child and the offender are members of the opposite sex” from the definition of “unlawful voluntary sexual relations.”

HB 2270 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because of the change to the definition of “unlawful voluntary sexual relations” created by the bill. If litigation would increase, 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 estimate the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming the cases would be. The fiscal effect would most likely be negligible and could be accommodated within the existing budget resources.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates enactment of HB 2270 could have an effect on prison admissions and bed space; however, the Commission cannot estimate an effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2270 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary  
Linda Kelly, Corrections  
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission