

January 23, 2020

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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2429 by Representatives Owens and Finney

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2429 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission membership must include one criminal defense attorney or public defender. HB 2429, as introduced, would amend this membership requirement to include two criminal defense attorneys, one of whom must be a public defender.

The Board of Indigents' Defense Services indicates that enactment of the bill could result in the agency incurring travel costs such as a rental car in the event that the appointed public defender works in an office outside of the Topeka area. However, the agency estimates the costs would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Department of Corrections indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2429 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the budget

cc: Randy Bowman, Corrections
Heather Cessna, Indigents Defense Services