

March 11, 2020

The Honorable Gene Suellentrop, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Statehouse, Room 441B-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Suellentrop:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 491 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 491 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 491 would change the definition of “infectious disease” to include diseases designated by the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment through rules and regulations as infectious or contagious in their nature in certain statutes related to crimes in which the transmission of body fluids from one person to another may have been involved.

The Department of Health and Environment indicates that enactment of the bill would require the agency to provide counseling and testing services, which would be reimbursed through restitution from an adjudicated person. However, the agency indicates the fiscal effect would be negligible and could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Department of Corrections indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 491 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Paul Weisgerber, KBI
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Dan Thimmesch, Health & Environment
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