

January 23, 2023

The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Owens:

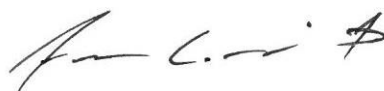
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2071 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2071 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of Corrections, upon the approval of the Prisoner Review Board, may release an inmate residing in a Kansas correctional facility if a doctor licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas determines that the person has a medical condition that is likely to cause death within 30 days. If the person does not die within 30 days, the released inmate is subject to revocation. HB 2071 would increase the number of days a doctor must deem an inmate likely to die or be subject to revocation to 120 days.

Based upon a review of medical cases of inmates currently incarcerated, the Department of Corrections estimates that approximately ten people per year could be eligible for consideration for terminal medical release if the period was extended to 120 days. For comparison, from FY 2016 to FY 2022 the Department received approximately one application per year under the 30-day period and granted one application in 2016 and one in 2020. The Department indicates it could absorb any increases in workload within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 2071 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Randy Bowman, Department of Corrections