

March 7, 2011

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2145 by House Committee on Aging and Long Term Care

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2145 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2145 would require any person who files a protection from abuse order to seek counseling to aid in the treatment of abuse. Also, a plaintiff seeking dismissal of a protection from abuse order must be signed by the plaintiff and one other adult who is not affected by the order. HB 2145 would require a protection from abuse order to be filed at least one month before it could be dismissed. The bill also makes technical corrections.

HB 2145 has the potential for increasing litigation and staff time dedicated to protection from abuse orders. 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 precise 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 indicates that passage of HB 2145 would have no impact on prison admissions or its operating budget.

Sincerely,



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