

March 2, 2012

The Honorable Pat Colloton, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 167-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Colloton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2748 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2748 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2748 would create the new crime of unlawful discharge of a firearm, which would be defined as the reckless discharge of a firearm within or into the corporate limits of any city.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of HB 2748 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts and the number of appeals relating to unlawful discharge of firearms within or into city limits. If it does, the Office states that there would be additional costs for operations of the court system in the form of additional time required by district court and appellate court personnel to process, research, and hear cases. Also, the added cases could result in the collection of additional docket fee and penalty revenues. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases or appeals that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect cannot be determined.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that a fiscal effect on cities is difficult to determine because no data exist to calculate the number of cities that would be impacted and the manner in which they would be affected by the bill. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2748 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
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