

Testimony on HB 2345
to
The House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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The Department of Corrections opposes HB 2345. HB 2345 amends the disposition of fees paid by DUI offenders. Currently those fees are distributed to community corrections programs. Pursuant to HB 2345, 1/3 of those funds would be distributed to community corrections programs and 2/3 would be allocated to the Judicial branch's court services programs. The Department recommends that current law not be amended. The reason for the Department's position is that under current law, those fees go to fund community corrections operations. This distribution has been taken into consideration by the Department in its recommendations regarding Governor Brownback's formulation of his FY 2014 and FY 2015 budgets.

The current allocation of this fund is \$550,000 per year. This bill would reduce the amount allocated to community corrections to \$181,000.

The Department of Corrections supports adequate funding for both community corrections and court services supervision but believes the funding of those operations should be subject to the appropriations processes.

The Department does not support HB 2345.