

February 19, 2013

The Honorable John Rubin, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rubin:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2217 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2217 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2217 would create the new crime of female genital mutilation, which would be classified as a severity level 3, person felony.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates that HB 2217 would have an effect on prison admissions and bed needs; however, the precise effect is unknown because no information is available in the Commission's database from which to make an estimate.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, HB 2217 has the potential for increasing the number of cases related to female genital mutilation filed in district court or appealed in appellate court. This would increase the time spent by district and appellate court judicial and non-judicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Likewise, the additional cases could also result in the collection of added revenue from docket fees and penalties. 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. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2217 is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Pat Scalia, Indigents Defense