

February 17, 2014

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 2532 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

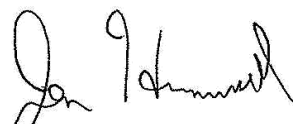
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2532 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2532 would add the crimes of assault of a sports official and battery of a sports official. Assault of a sports official would be a class B, person misdemeanor. Battery of a sports official would be a class A, person misdemeanor.

The Office of Judicial Administration notes that the new crimes in HB 2532 would have increased penalties and fines when compared to the penalties and fines for simple assault or battery. The Office indicates that the bill could result in more motions and trials from offenders entering "not guilty" pleas to avoid the increased penalties. This would increase the time spent by district and appellate court judicial and non-judicial personnel to process, research, and hear cases. However, it is not possible to predict how complex and time-consuming the cases would be. Therefore, a precise fiscal effect for the courts cannot be determined.

Local governments that adopt resolutions or ordinances prohibiting the crimes in the bill could incur costs related to preparation and adoption of the resolutions or ordinances. Also, there may be additional costs to prosecute the new offenses and house the offenders in jail. Convictions of assault or battery of sports officials could result in additional local government revenue from fines. However, the specific fiscal effect for local governments is difficult to estimate because the number of resolutions, ordinances, prosecutions, and convictions that might occur as a result of the bill is not known. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2532 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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