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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 2275 by House Committee on Corrections and

Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2275 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2275 would modify Schedules I through IV in the Uniform Controlled Substance Act by adding, deleting or moving drugs within the schedules.

The Board of Pharmacy states that HB 2275 would have no effect on the agency or Kansas pharmacies. According to the Board, the changes to Schedule I, which are drugs that are illegal to possess, were requested by law enforcement agencies. The amendments to Schedule II through IV represent amendments that are needed to match state law with federal law. This is done on an annual basis. Because the Board and its licensees must follow federal law as well as state law, they have already incorporated the changes from the bill into their operations.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates that the bill could have an effect on prison admissions, prison beds and agency workload, but the precise effect cannot be determined at this time.

The changes to Schedule I could have a fiscal effect on state and local courts and law enforcement; however, the precise fiscal effect is difficult to estimate because the number of cases or arrests that may occur from the bill is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2275 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,

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cc: Debra Billingsley, Pharmacy Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission