

February 16, 2017

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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2222 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2222 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2222 would add animal control officers and persons authorized to take custody of an animal when investigating suspected cruelty to animals to the list of individuals who are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, enactment of HB 2222 could increase the number of cases filed in the district courts, which could cause judicial and non-judicial staff to spend more time processing, researching, and hearing cases. The bill could also result in the collection of docket fees from those cases filed under the provisions of HB 2222. 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 fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2222 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Jackie Aubert, Children & Families
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Linda Kelly, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General