

March 3, 2022

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 465 by Senator Holscher

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 465 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

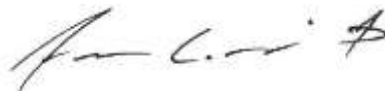
SB 465 would establish the Responsible Gun Ownership Act. The bill would create a new crime for unlawful storage of a firearm. The penalties for violation of the act would range from a class C person misdemeanor to a severity level 5, person felony, depending on the facts of the case.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates the SB 465 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it creates a new crime. The bill would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Because the crime carries a class C person misdemeanor and a severity level 9, person felony penalty, there could also be more supervision of offenders required to be performed by court services officer. The bill could also result in the collection of additional docket fees, supervision fees, and fines assessed in cases filed under the bill provisions. However, an exact fiscal effect cannot be determined because the number of cases cannot be estimated.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of SB 465 could have an effect on prison admissions and bed space, but that this effect cannot be determined. The current estimated available bed capacity is 9,428 for males and 936 for females. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2022 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population will total 7,782 male and 756 female inmates in FY 2022 and 7,736 male and 730 female inmates in FY 2023.

The Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Corrections both state that the bill would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 465 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Willie Prescott, Office of the Attorney General
Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Randy Bowman, Corrections