January 23, 2020

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519C-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2435 by Representative Pittman

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2435 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, individuals permitted to pay off a fine through community service receive credit at a rate of $5 per hour. HB 2435, as introduced, would allow individuals to receive credit toward such fines in the amount of the minimum wage set by KSA 44-1203(a) for each full hour of community service.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that enactment of HB 2345, as introduced, would result in a negligible fiscal effect on local governments that could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that revenues received by counties through court fines could decrease and expenditures that are currently offset by community service hours could increase as individuals would be able to pay off more fines in a shorter amount of time. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the number of fines and community service hours are unknown.

The Office of Judicial Administration and the Department of Corrections indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agencies. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2435 is not reflected in The FY 2021 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
    Jay Hall, Association of Counties
    Randy Bowman, Corrections
    Kaitlyn Willis, League of Municipalities