

February 3, 2012

The Honorable Pat Colloton, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 167-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Colloton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2494 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2494 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2494 would amend the statute of limitations for sexually violent offenders when the victim is a child. If the victim is under 18 years of age at the time of the offense, the time for the statute of limitations would start to run on the day after the victim turns 18 years old. Under current law, the statute of limitations starts to run on the day after the offense is committed.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission states that enactment of HB 2494 would likely have a negligible effect on prison admissions and bed needs. However, currently the number of male inmates exceeds the available bed capacity of 8,369, and based upon Commission projections, it is estimated that at the end of FY 2012 and FY 2013, the number of male inmates will exceed available capacity by 335 beds and 453 beds, respectively. To address capacity issues, the Governor's budget includes \$3,896,150 to renovate and operate existing facilities in Labette County and an additional \$1.5 million to contract for prison beds (\$2.5 million was added last year for contract beds). If it is determined that additional facility construction is essential in the near-term, the Department of Corrections has identified a capacity expansion project at El Dorado Correctional Facility that includes building two new medium security housing units, which would provide a total of 512 beds. It is estimated that the new units would have a construction cost of \$22,320,329 and operating costs of \$8,184,231 (or \$43.79 per inmate per day).

Any near-term or long-term capacity needed beyond the options outlined above would require additional contract or construction costs. The actual construction costs would depend upon the security level of the beds to be constructed and when construction is actually undertaken, while the actual operating costs would depend upon the base salary amounts, fringe

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benefit rates, per meal costs, per capita health care costs, and other cost factors applicable at the time the additional capacity is occupied. Likewise, any further prison commitments that result in additional parolees could require additional staff and resources so that the additional parolees can be effectively supervised.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, HB 2494 would have no fiscal effect on the court system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
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