

February 18, 2014

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

Dear Representative Rubin:

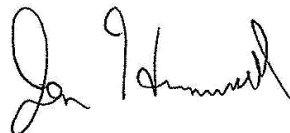
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2588 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2588 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2588 would provide prosecutors and courts with alternative means of adjudicating low-risk juvenile offenders who present a small threat to public safety. Upon the consent of parents, the bill would allow individuals instead of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to be appointed as permanent custodians of a child.

According to the DCF, HB 2588 would shift some number of youth adjudicated under the alternate process and found to be a child in need of care from juvenile services to DCF custody. DCF was not able to obtain an estimate of the number of potential youth affected by the bill from the Department of Corrections. Each child shifted to DCF custody would cost \$17,676 per year. For any child transferred from the custody of Department of Corrections to the DCF, the Department of Corrections indicates that it would also transfer any associated funding to offset the costs for each child. Should this transfer of funding occur, the fiscal effect from the passage of HB 2588 would net to zero. The elimination of the DCF as a potential permanent custodian poses no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2588 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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