

February 4, 2019

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

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2079 by Representative Parker

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2079 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2079 would remove the spousal exception to the crime of sexual battery.

The Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) indicates HB 2079 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it expands the crime of sexual battery. OJA estimates an increased number of cases would increase judicial branch expenditures for time spent by judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. HB 2079 would also increase the amount of supervision of offenders required by court services officers because it is a class A person misdemeanor. The bill could also result in additional revenues remitted to the court for docket fees and fines assessed in any additional cases filed. The Office of Judicial Administration is unable to provide an estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by and revenues to the court as a result of the enactment of this bill. The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates HB 2079 could have an impact on prison admissions and bed space, but an estimate cannot be determined at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2079 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Janie Harris, Judiciary