

February 26, 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 2652 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2652 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2562 would exclude an ordinary pocket knife with a blade no longer than four inches, or possessing a knife used in connection with employment or a kitchen knife used as intended for food preparation, from the definition of a knife or weapon.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission indicates there were 356 convictions for criminal possession of a weapon in FY 2019, including 115 sentenced to prison. The Commission estimates HB 2652 could have an effect on prison admissions and beds, and the workload of the Commission, but a precise estimate cannot be determined at this time. The Office of Judicial Administration indicates any fiscal effect resulting from the enactment of HB 2652 would be negligible.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission