

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Russell Jennings, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 151B-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2360 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

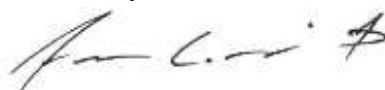
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2360 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2360 would remove “or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such fear or evacuation, lock down or disruption in regular, ongoing activities” from the definition of “a criminal threat.”

The Office of Judicial Administration states that enactment of HB 2360 could decrease the number of cases filed in district court because the bill’s provisions would eliminate certain actions as constituting the crime of criminal threat, which could result in less time spent by court employees and judges processing and hearing cases. According to the Office, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated until the Judicial Branch has had an opportunity to operate under the bill’s provisions. The Office also indicates enactment of the bill could result in the collection of less docket fees and fines from those cases filed under the bill’s provisions.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission states enactment of HB 2360 could have an effect on prison admissions and beds; however, the Commission does not have enough information to estimate what the effect would be. The Department of Corrections states the bill’s enactment would not have a fiscal effect on Department operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2360 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor’s Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Debbie Thomas, Judiciary
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission