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Laura Kelly, Governor

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The Honorable Susan Humphries, Chairperson House Committee on Judiciary 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 582-N Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Humphries:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2354 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2354 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, it is unlawful for any person to possess any opiates, opium, or narcotic drugs, or any stimulant, or controlled substance. HB 2354 would create an exception to allow marijuana to be possessed by a disabled veteran that has a valid medical marijuana card issued by any state. The bill would define disabled veteran as a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service and who was discharged or released under an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions and received a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval, air, or space service.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2354 could have an effect on prison admissions, bed space, and workload of the Commission; however, any fiscal effect would be negligible. The Department of Corrections indicates any fiscal effect of enactment of the bill would be negligible.

The Office of Judicial Administration and the Kansas Office of Veterans Services states HB 2354 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2354 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Trisha Morrow, Judiciary
Jennifer King, Department of Corrections
Scott Schultz, Kansas Sentencing Commission
Melissa Ford, Office of Veterans Services