

February 9, 2026

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 459 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 459 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 459 would change the composition and appointment process of the Prisoner Review Board (PRB) within the Department of Corrections. Under current law, the PRB consists of three members appointed by the Secretary of Corrections, all of whom are existing employees of the Department. The bill would increase the Board to five members and change the appointing authorities as follows: two members would be appointed by the Governor and subject to Senate confirmation, one with at least five years of law enforcement experience and one with experience serving crime victims; one member would be appointed by the Attorney General with at least five years of experience as a prosecutor; one member would be appointed by the President of the Senate; and one member would be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. All members would be required to have a minimum of five years of experience in a relevant field with knowledge of victims' rights, the criminal justice system, and components for successful reintegration and recidivism reduction.

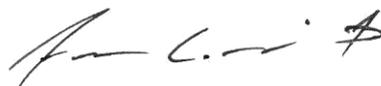
The bill would also require that public comment sessions for inmates convicted of off-grid or class A felonies be held in person, unless the victim or victim's family requests otherwise. If notification of the public comment session is not provided to the victim or victim's family for an inmate convicted of an off-grid or class A felony, the Board would be required to postpone the public comment session to a date at least 30 days after notification is given. The Board would not be permitted to make a parole decision until after the public comment session is held.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Expenditures			
State General Fund	--	\$290,726	\$297,995
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$290,726	\$297,995
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	2.00	2.00

The Department of Corrections estimates that enactment of SB 459 would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$290,726 in FY 2027 and \$297,995 in FY 2028. The estimated cost of adding two FTE board member positions would be \$275,846 in FY 2027. This includes salary and benefits of \$132,600 per member and operating expenses of \$5,323 per member, for a total of \$137,923 per member. For FY 2028, the estimated cost for two additional board members would be \$282,743. The salary estimate is based on a current board member salary of \$96,600 plus payroll taxes, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System contributions, and health insurance. Operating costs include computer lease, software licensing, additional office space, and office supplies.

The PRB transitioned to virtual hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Assuming the Board would return to three in-person hearings per month, travel costs associated with the in-person hearing requirement are estimated at \$14,880 in FY 2027 and \$15,252 in FY 2028 for five board members. The travel estimate is based on 12 overnight stays in Wichita and 12 trips to Kansas City annually, including lodging, mileage, and per diem subsistence expenses. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 459 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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 Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer King, Department of Corrections