

January 24, 2011

The Honorable Pat Colloton, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Statehouse, Room 167-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Colloton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2057 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2057 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2057 would give the Johnson County Sheriff's Laboratory and the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center the authority to submit a report of forensic examination and certificate of forensic examination executed for a hearing or trial in lieu of requiring the forensic scientist to appear in court. Current law already gives this authority to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Highway Patrol, and other federal agencies.

HB 2057 would have no fiscal effect on the state budget. This bill could reduce expenditures for Johnson County and Sedgwick County because the scientists could submit the report and certificate instead of traveling to and spending time in court. In addition, the scientists could allocate more of their time to completing exams if attending court is not required.

Sincerely,



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