

February 28, 2013

The Honorable John Rubin, Chairperson  
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice  
Statehouse, Room 151-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Rubin:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2256 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2256 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law allows municipal judges to determine the amount of appearance bonds in municipal courts. HB 2256 would require that the bond amount be the same regardless of the method of securing the appearance. The bill also specifies that a deposit of cash must be in the full amount of the bond, except when the municipal judge permits negotiable securities or a personal check in lieu of cash. A deposit of cash in less than the full amount of the bond would not be permitted. In addition, the bill would no longer prohibit a surety who is not a Kansas resident from executing an appearance bond. The bill would also specify that if a person fails to appear at the time designated in the appearance bond, and the forfeiture of the bond is not set aside, the court would direct that suitable action be instituted for the collection from the obligors.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of HB 2256 would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch budget.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary