

January 17, 2017

The Honorable Blaine Finch, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Finch:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2033 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2033 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2033 would expand the conditions of awarding compensation by the Crime Victims Compensation Board. Under current law, compensation for mental health counseling may be awarded provided the claim is filed within two years of testimony against an offender. HB 2033 would also permit compensation be awarded for mental health counseling provided the claim is filed within two years of notification that (1) DNA testing of a sexual assault kit or other evidence has revealed a DNA profile of a suspected offender or that (2) the actual identification of the suspected offender is discovered, whichever occurs later.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that enactment of HB 2033 would result in additional claims being paid by the Crime Victims Compensation Board; however, the Office is unable to estimate the fiscal effect. The Office states that federal grants would help fund any additional claims awarded under the bill's provisions. Under current law, the Office of the Attorney General anticipates it will pay approximately \$4.0 million in total compensation claims from both state and federal fund sources in FY 2018. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2033 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Willie Prescott, Attorney General's Office