

February 13, 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 2259 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2259 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, when a person is charged with a felony, a magistrate's finding of probable cause that the person should be bound over for trial may only be based on hearsay evidence when the victim is less than 13 years of age and the evidence is presented by way of a videotape or other means. HB 2259 would modify the Kansas Code of Criminal Procedure to remove these limitations and allow hearsay evidence to be used during any preliminary examination for any reason.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates HB 2259 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary