

February 20, 2017

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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2338 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2338 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Prisoner Review Board is required to hold a parole hearing at least the month prior to the month an inmate is eligible for parole. At least one month preceding the parole hearing, the county or district attorney of the county where the inmate was convicted is required to give written notice of the time and place of the public comment sessions for the inmate to any victim of the inmate's crime or the victim's family. In the case of any inmate convicted of an off-grid felony or a class A felony, the Department of Corrections is required to give written notice of the time and place of the public comment session. HB 2338 would make the public comment sessions private. The bill would exempt Prisoner Review Board comment sessions with victims or the families of victims from the Open Meetings law.

According to the Department of Corrections, enactment of HB 2338 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Linda Kelly, Corrections