

February 5, 2018

The Honorable Daniel Hawkins, Chairperson
House Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 186-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hawkins:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2549 by House Committee on Health and Human Services

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2549 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, individuals who are charged with a felony may be committed to the state security hospital or a county or private institution to be examined for competency. Individuals charged with misdemeanors may be committed to state, county or private institutions to be examined for competency.

HB 2549 would clarify that defendants, regardless if they are charged with a felony or misdemeanor, could be committed to the state security hospital or any appropriate state, county, private institution or facility to be examined for competency. The bill would also strike the definitions for Osawatomie State Hospital and Larned State Hospital catchment areas.

The Department for Corrections, the Department for Aging and Disability Services and the Office of Judicial Administration all indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on operations.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Linda Kelly, Corrections
Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Cody Gwaltney, Aging & Disability Services