

March 24, 2022

The Honorable Kellie Warren, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Warren:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 557 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

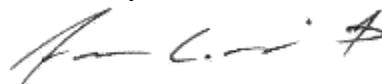
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 557 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under SB 557, the crime of possession of a weapon by a convicted felon would not apply to a person who has had the conviction of certain crimes expunged or pardoned, including certain person and nonperson felonies and crimes involving controlled substances. The bill would also provide that the crime of criminal possession of a weapon would not apply to individuals convicted of certain crimes or juvenile adjudications involving controlled substances if the individuals have had such convictions or adjudications expunged or pardoned.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of SB 557 would result in a negligible decrease in prison admissions and bed space. However, a precise effect cannot be determined because the total number of potential expungements or pardons, the types of crimes involved, and the result on prison beds cannot be estimated. The current estimated available bed capacity is 9,428 for males and 936 for females. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2022 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population will total 7,782 male and 756 female inmates in FY 2022 and 7,736 male and 730 female inmates in FY 2023. The Department of Corrections indicates that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect that could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 557 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission