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The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chairperson House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Owens:

SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Note for HB 2522 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following revised fiscal note concerning HB 2522 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2522 would require the Secretary of Corrections to assist inmates with obtaining identification and employment related documents prior to release from custody. Within nine months prior to the release of an inmate from custody, the Secretary would be required to make a reasonable effort to provide the inmate with a certified copy of a birth certificate and a Social Security card. The Secretary would also be required to issue the inmate a state ID; records of work, vocational training, or educational certification, if applicable; and a resume that includes any trades or skills learned by the inmate. The provisions of the bill would not apply to inmates who are being released into the custody of another jurisdiction or inmates who are unable to return to the workforce as determined by the Secretary.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect			
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Expenditures			
State General Fund		\$175,854	\$175,854
Fee Fund(s)			
Federal Fund			
Total Expenditures		\$175,854	\$175,854
Revenues			
State General Fund			
Fee Fund(s)			
Federal Fund			
Total Revenues			
FTE Positions		3.00	3.00

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The Department of Corrections indicates that enactment of the bill would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$175,854 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026 to support 3.00 new FTE program consultant positions. The agency currently employs 1.00 FTE program coordinator position to manage its existing ID issuance program, which provided credentials to 1,046 inmates in FY 2023. In the fiscal effect statement originally issued, the Department made a computational error in its workload estimate and mistakenly assumed that the marginal ID production cost would be borne by the agency. The Department indicates that the number of inmates served under the bill would total 4,330 instead of 7,078 in FY 2025, and 4,763 instead of 7,259 in FY 2026. The agency also indicates that the replacement costs of \$10 to \$26 per ID would be paid for by inmates rather than the agency. The Department of Revenue indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2522 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jennifer King, Department of Corrections