

January 19, 2021

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

Dear Representative Jennings:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2027 by Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight

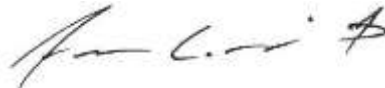
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2027 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2027 would make unlawfully tampering with electronic monitoring equipment a severity level eight, nonperson felony in the case of electronic monitoring equipment used in court-ordered supervision, or as a condition of post-release supervision, or parole for any felony. The bill would also make unlawfully tampering with electronic monitoring equipment a class A nonperson misdemeanor in the case of electronic monitoring equipment used in court-ordered supervision for any civil case.

The Kansas Sentencing Commission estimates that enactment of HB 2027 would result in a decrease of nine adult prison beds needed in FY 2022. By FY 2031, ten fewer beds would be needed. The current estimated available bed capacity is 9,420 for males and 948 for females. Based upon the Commission's most recent ten-year projection contained in its *FY 2020 Adult Inmate Prison Population Projections* report, it is estimated that the year-end population for available male capacity will be under capacity by 1,287 inmates in FY 2021 and 1,241 inmates in FY 2022. The Department of Corrections indicates that the reduction in prison population would not be sufficient to reduce current prison expenditures. The Department notes that the reduction would be beneficial towards avoiding future prison costs and would improve the ability to socially distance inmates to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in the facility, staff working at the facility, and inmates released into the community.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that enactment of HB 2027 could result in additional offenders being supervised by court services officers, which could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2027 is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Scott Schultz, Sentencing Commission
Randy Bowman, Corrections
Debbie Thomas, Judiciary