



January 22, 2024

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

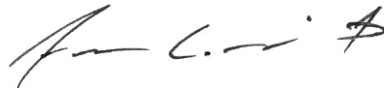
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2522 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

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	--	\$418,502	\$423,208
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	--	\$418,502	\$423,208
Revenues			
State General Fund	--	--	--
Fee Fund(s)	--	--	--
Federal Fund	--	--	--
Total Revenues	--	--	--
FTE Positions	--	4.00	4.00

The Department of Corrections indicates that enactment of the bill would increase State General Fund expenditures by \$418,502 in FY 2025 and \$423,208 in FY 2026. Of this amount, \$234,474 per fiscal year would support 4.00 new FTE program consultant positions and the remainder would be spent on new ID issuance costs. Based on historical data, the agency estimates that 80.0 percent of projected releases would need to be issued a state ID under the provisions of the bill. This would amount to 7,078 inmates in FY 2025 and 7,259 inmates in FY 2026, according to prison population projections from the Sentencing Commission. The agency indicates that the cost to issue a new ID ranges from \$10 to \$26. At a cost of \$26 per ID, the bill would result in ID issuance expenditures of \$184,028 in FY 2025 and \$188,734 in FY 2026. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2522 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer King, Department of Corrections