

January 30, 2012

The Honorable Gary Hayzlett, Chairperson
House Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 274-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Hayzlett:

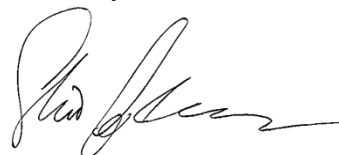
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2500 by House Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2500 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2500 would restrict the use of a wireless telephone by an operator of a school bus on public roads or highways, except when the telephone is a hands-free wireless telephone. Exceptions would be allowed if an operator of a school bus uses a hand-held wireless telephone while driving with one hand on the steering wheel when communicating with a central dispatch, a school transportation department, or reporting an emergency. The bill states that a hand-held wireless telephone user's records, testimony, or written statements from appropriate authorities receiving such calls would be deemed sufficient evidence of the existence of all lawful calls made. An initial violation would result in a fine of \$50, requiring no court costs. Subsequent violations would result in a fine of \$100, requiring no court costs. No court would be allowed to report a violation to the Department of Revenue.

The Office of Judicial Administration states passage of HB 2500 would require fines from a violation to be manually entered by a clerk of the court; however, the Judicial Branch estimates that any fiscal effect would be negligible. The Department of Revenue indicates enactment of HB 2500 would have no fiscal effect to agency operations. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2500 is not reflected in *The FY 2013 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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