January 20, 2012

The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 559-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 282 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 282 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 282 would amend existing law regarding covered offenses and conduct giving rise to forfeiture relating to fleeing or eluding law enforcement officers. The bill would include asset forfeiture for felony violations which include drivers attempting to flee or elude uniformed police officers after being signaled to stop by hand, voice, emergency light or siren.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of SB 282 would result in additional civil asset forfeiture case filings which would require additional time spent by district court clerks and judges on those cases. Passage of the bill would also result in additional docket fees collected in district courts. The Office is unable to give an accurate estimate of the number of additional criminal offenses and crimes that have assets subject to forfeiture that would result in these cases or the amount of docket fees that might be collected, and thus, cannot provide a precise statement of the fiscal effect of passage of this bill on the Judicial Branch. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 282 is not reflected in The FY 2013 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary