January 29, 2013

The Honorable Richard Proehl, Chairperson
House Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 581-W
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2079 by House Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2079 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2079 would increase penalties for several failure to yield right-of-way violations:

1. At an uncontrolled intersection would increase from $75 to $115;
2. To an approaching vehicle when turning left would increase from $75 to $115;
3. At a stop or yield sign would increase from $75 to $115;
4. From a private road or driveway would increase from $75 to $115; and
5. To a pedestrian or vehicle working on roadway would increase from $105 to $145.

The Office of Judicial Administration states that passage of HB 2079 would have no fiscal effect on expenditures or revenues for the Judicial Branch. However, the Office indicates the bill’s provisions could result in increased revenue for those funds receiving a percentage split of the fines, penalties, and forfeitures remitted by clerks of the district courts to the State Treasurer, but the Office cannot provide a precise fiscal effect of the increased fine revenue. The Kansas Department of Transportation indicates that its Traffic Records Enhancement Fund receives a certain percentage of every fine for a traffic offense. Consequently, the passage of HB 2079 could potentially result in increased revenues to the Traffic Records Enhancement Fund. However, the Department is unable to estimate the amount of additional revenue that would be
received if HB 2079 were enacted. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2079 is not reflected in The FY 2014 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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