

February 13, 2014

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 345-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

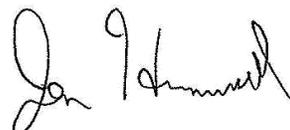
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 351 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 351 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 351 would authorize that every seized motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, which the vehicle identification number (VIN) has been destroyed, removed, altered, or defaced, which has been seized would be an article of contraband under certain circumstances specified in the bill. No law enforcement agency or employee would be liable for damages resulting from the adoption or enforcement of any policy specified in the bill. Under SB 351, if a city or county law enforcement agency performs a VIN inspection, the fee would be deposited in an account to be used for law enforcement purposes and could not be used to supplant the law enforcement agency's budget. SB 351 would make additional technical changes.

The Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Revenue indicate there would be no fiscal effect on the operations of either agency if SB 351 were enacted. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that enactment of SB 351 would increase costs for cities with law enforcement agencies that perform VIN inspections; however, the League cannot determine an exact fiscal effect because the League does not know whether cities currently credit VIN inspection fees to the city's General Fund, to the police budget, or treat it as separate funds for police purposes as the bill would require.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kim Torrey, Highway Patrol
Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
Steve Neske, Department of Revenue