January 27, 2016

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

Dear Senator Petersen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 350 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 350 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 350 would establish the Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund. The bill would require all vehicle registration applicants to pay a $2 non-refundable surcharge for each vehicle being registered. The surcharge would be credited to the Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund. Monies credited to the fund could only be used by the Kansas Highway Patrol for increasing staff and retaining personnel.

The Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) states there were 2,697,486 vehicle registrations in calendar year 2015, which would have generated $5,394,972 (2,697,486 x $2) in revenue for the Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund if the $2 surcharge had been in place. KDOR estimates additional expenditures of $7,360 from agency fee funds would be needed in FY 2017 resulting from the enactment of SB 350. Of that amount, $4,960 would be for administrative costs and the remaining $2,400 would be for setting up the surcharge in the Motor Vehicle Registration System.

The Kansas Highway Patrol indicates it would use the surcharge to hire additional troopers and to pay for future recruiting classes. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 350 is not reflected in The FY 2017 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc:  Kim Torrey, Highway Patrol
     Jack Smith, Department of Revenue