

February 13, 2017

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

Dear Senator Petersen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 127 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 127 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 127 would require all companies that operate escort vehicle services in Kansas to register annually with the Department of Transportation (KDOT) beginning January 1, 2018. The Department would be authorized to charge an annual registration fee of \$50 and all fees would be deposited into the State Highway Fund. The Secretary of Transportation could revoke, suspend or refuse to issue a registration for any violation of the bill. Any person found operating an escort vehicle unlawfully would be fined \$100.

KDOT states that it does not currently collect data on escort vehicle service companies and, therefore, is unable to estimate a fiscal effect from any additional revenues it might receive from the registration fee. However, the Department anticipates that the bill could be implemented within current staffing and operating expenditure levels.

Adding a new fine would likely increase the amount of fine revenue distributed under KSA 2016 Supp. 74-7336 regarding fines, penalties and forfeitures. However, the fiscal effect from the additional revenue is difficult to estimate because the number of violations for unlawfully operating an escort vehicle that would occur under the bill is unknown. Agencies that would be affected include the Attorney General, the Department for Aging and Disability Services, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Emergency Medical Services Board, the Department of Health and Environment, the Department of Transportation and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. State General Fund revenue receipts would also increase by any additional fine revenue. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 127 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ben Cleeves, Transportation