The Honorable Jacob LaTurner, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Statehouse, Room 136-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator LaTurner:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 157 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 157 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 157 would require the Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol to seek to negotiate the terms of a memorandum of agreement between the State of Kansas and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security concerning the enforcement of federal immigration laws, detentions, removals, and related investigations in Kansas by certain Kansas Highway Patrol officers designated by the Superintendent. By January 1, 2018, the Kansas Highway Patrol would be required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on the status of the Superintendent’s attempt to enter into a memorandum of agreement between the Patrol and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Kansas Highway Patrol estimates that all troopers would be expected to become certified and perform immigration officer functions, which would require additional expenditures to pay for the training and associated travel costs for up to 500 personnel. According to the Patrol, the necessary training is provided by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency over a four-week period. The agency has not been presented yet with a draft for a memorandum of agreement between the Patrol and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and cannot estimate a fiscal effect without knowing the language in the agreement.

The Attorney General’s Office states enactment of the bill could require additional expenditures if there is litigation between the State of Kansas and the federal government in connection with the memorandum of agreement. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 157 is not reflected in The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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