

January 24, 2023

The Honorable Stephen Owens, Chairperson
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2022 by House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

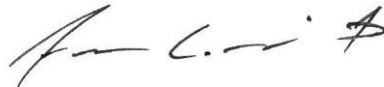
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2022 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2022 would place the Kansas Highway Patrol under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General beginning July 1, 2023. The bill would transfer all powers, duties and functions concerning the Highway Patrol to the Attorney General. The bill would deem every act performed in the exercise of such powers, duties, and functions under the authority of the Governor to have the same force and effect if performed by the Attorney General after July 1, 2023. The bill would make any statutory reference regarding the Governor and the Highway Patrol apply to the Attorney General and the Highway Patrol. All orders and directives of the Governor concerning the Highway Patrol in existence on July 1, 2023, would continue to be effective and deemed to be orders and directives of the Attorney General until revised, amended, or nullified. The superintendent of the Highway Patrol would hold office at the pleasure of the Attorney General.

The Highway Patrol indicates the Attorney General would have discretion to determine whether changes to operations are made, including any decisions to change the name, logo, or other attributes of the agency. Certain changes could require additional expenditures to update vehicles, uniforms, facility signage, stationary, online information, and printed marketing materials. However, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Attorney General indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations because the Highway Patrol would retain its own budget authority and would not be part of the Attorney General's budget. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2022 is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Proffitt", followed by a stylized flourish or symbol.

Adam Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Sherry Macke, Highway Patrol
John Milburn, Office of the Attorney General