

February 17, 2020

The Honorable Richard Proehl, Chairperson
House Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 581B-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2608 by Representative Pittman

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2608 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2608 would require pedestrians and motor vehicle operators to yield the right-of-way to any vehicle that is part of a funeral procession that is led by a funeral lead vehicle or accompanied by a funeral escort. The bill would outline right-of-way scenarios and exceptions as well as requirements for vehicles in funeral processions. Finally, the bill would add a fine of \$45 for the unlawful operation of an electric-assisted scooter and a fine of \$20 for failure to yield right-of-way to a funeral procession to the uniform fine schedule for traffic violations.

HB 2608 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because of the new violations that would be created by the bill. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. However, it is not possible to estimate the number of additional court cases that would arise, and a fiscal effect cannot be determined. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates that the codification of funeral procession regulations would have a negligible fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2608 is not reflected in *The FY 2021 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Trey Cocking, League of Municipalities