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Chairman King and Members of the Committee,

Please accept on behalf of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) my written testimony regarding SB 14.

This bill will require the district courts to credit the criminal justice information system line fund 4.4% from fines generated from traffic cases. Currently the fund is credited 2.91%.

The criminal justice information system line fund covers the costs for circuits (lines) for one outlet and terminal in each county as part of the unified electronic criminal justice information system, as required in KSA 74-5702. When the current law went into effect in 2010 estimates projected the fund to sustain itself with the 2.91%; however, over time, there have been fewer funds available from traffic cases causing the fund to decrease each month. Projections show the fund does not have enough money to cover the costs through the end of fiscal year 2015.

The cost to provide this service in fiscal year 2014 was \$746,759. The revenue generated in fiscal year 2014 was \$507,215. The revenue plus the carryover from fiscal year 2013, \$283,272, saved the fund from going into a negative balance in fiscal year 2014. There will be a shortage of approximately \$200,000 by June 30, 2015, using the projected funds plus the carryover from fiscal year 2014.

The costs to the circuits are not expected to be reduced. If the percent of traffic case receipts is not raised, then the fund will be exhausted. If no money is available to pay the Office of Information Technology Services (OITS), then OITS will not be able to pay the circuit vendor and the state will be in breach of contract. More importantly, criminal justice agencies (including law enforcement) will lose access to critical information necessary for the provision of law enforcement and public safety.

The requested legislation would raise the percent provided to the fund from 2.91% to 4.4%. Based on the actual numbers received for fiscal year 2014, it is estimated to provide the fund an additional \$262,353 per year. The additional money would cover the yearly costs of providing statutorily required circuits for one outlet and terminal in each county. The bill does not account for the shortfall in fiscal year 2015; however, it will fix the shortfall in future years.

Thank you for your consideration.