

January 28, 2025

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 17 by Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 17 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

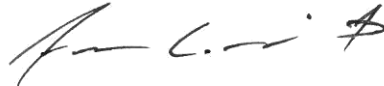
SB 17 would exempt haulers of grain and other agricultural goods from certain gross weight limitations for vehicles. In the case of a vehicle or combination of vehicles exclusively carrying grain or other seasonally harvested products during the normal harvest season from the field where such grain or products are harvested to storage, market, or stockpile or from stockpile to market or factory up to 50 miles. The load may be up to 10.0 percent greater than the maximum weight allowed in statute for vehicles with tandem, triple or quad axels or 12.5 percent greater than the maximum weight allowed in statute for vehicles with a single rear axle. For vehicles and combinations of vehicles, the maximum gross weight authorized could not exceed 90,000 pounds. The bill would not apply to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

The Kansas Department of Transportation indicates that enactment of SB 17 would have a negligible fiscal effect on State Highway Fund revenue. The Department indicates increasing the axle weights would increase the long-term maintenance costs for bridges on state and local systems. However, a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Department of Revenue indicate that enactment of SB 17 would not have a fiscal effect on the agencies' operations. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 17 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that enactment of the bill could increase maintenance costs for counties if the higher loads create more wear and tear on county roads and bridges; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt  
Director of the Budget

cc: Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation  
Lita Biggs, Department of Agriculture  
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities  
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties  
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