

February 17, 2011

The Honorable Dwayne Umbarger, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
Statehouse, Room 441-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Umbarger:


**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 183 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 183 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, each occupant of a vehicle manufactured with safety belts between the ages of 14 years and 18 years of age is required to have a safety belt properly fastened at all times while the vehicle is in motion. One exemption to this law is an occupant of a passenger car required to be protected by a safety restraining system under the Child Passenger Safety Act. SB 183 would repeal this exemption.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) states that its Traffic Records Enhancement Fund receives a portion of all fines, penalties, and forfeitures. According to KDOT, if a correction of current law is not made, the agency estimates it would appear that the fine for persons between 14 years and 18 years of age would decrease from \$60 to \$10. The effect would be a reduction in the amount of collectible fines, which would reduce the amount transferred into the Traffic Records Enhancement Fund. KDOT states no information currently exists upon which to base an accurate estimate. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 183 is not reflected in *The FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ben Cleaves, KDOT  
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