

February 12, 2013

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

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2234 by House Committee on Appropriations

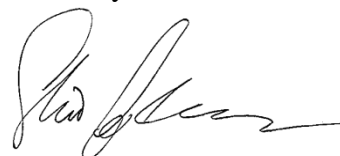
In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2234 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2234 would place the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) under the management of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The bill would make the Secretary of Transportation the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the KTA. The Chief Executive Officer would be responsible for the daily administration of the toll roads, bridges, structures and facilities constructed, maintained, or operated as part of the KTA. The bill would allow the Secretary of Transportation and the KTA to contract with each other to provide personnel, equipment, and other resources for record keeping, reporting, administrative, planning, engineering, legal, and clerical functions as well as for the construction, operation, and maintenance of turnpike projects and state highways.

The KTA would retain its separate identity, powers, and duties as an instrumentality of the state under the management of KDOT; however, the bill would require that duplication of effort, facilities, and equipment between KDOT and the KTA be minimized in operation and maintenance of turnpikes and highways in the state. Further, the bill would require that the integrity of the bonded indebtedness would be maintained through the actions of the Authority. HB 2234 would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report recommends transfers from the State Highway Fund to the State General Fund of \$15.0 million in both FY 2014 and FY 2015 for operational savings by merging the operations of KTA and KDOT.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Anderson", written over a white background.

Steven J. Anderson, CPA, MBA
Director of the Budget

cc: Ben Cleaves, KDOT