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Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present oral testimony in support of Senate Bill 14.

Senate Bill 14 will increase the percentage of fees credited to the criminal justice information system line fund from 2.91% to 4.4%; these fees are generated from payment of district court fines related to traffic cases.

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 K.S.A. 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, which have caused the fund to decrease each month.

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. Using the projected funds plus the carryover from fiscal year 2014, there will be a projected shortage of \$232,154 by June 30, 2015.

The costs to provide the required circuits are not expected to be reduced. If the percentage 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.

Based on the actual numbers received for fiscal year 2014, raising the line fund from 2.91% to 4.4% is estimated to provide the line 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.

While Senate Bill 14 will not relieve the shortfall in fiscal year 2015, the shortfall would be mitigated by timely passage. The Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary passed an amendment which would make Senate Bill 14 effective upon publication in the Kansas register. Although there will still be a shortage of funds to cover payment of the lines through fiscal year 2015, the shortfall stands to be reduced by the following amounts, depending upon the date of publication in the register: \$67, 997 if published by April 1; \$42,081 if published by May 1; \$20,890 if published by June 1.

Thank you for your consideration. I will be glad to stand for questions.

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