

January 29, 2015

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

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2085 by House Committee on Appropriations

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2085 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, the Secretary of Transportation is also the Director of Operations for the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA). HB 2085 would change the name of the position to Director of the KTA. The bill would require the KTA to report annually, prior to the 10th day of the Legislature, on the agency's activities for the preceding fiscal year to the Governor. Current law requires the KTA to report on the previous calendar year on or before March 31st of each year. HB 2085 would remove the sunset date of July 1, 2016, on the law requiring the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the KTA to contract with each other to provide personnel, equipment, and other resources.

The KDOT indicates removing the sunset date would allow the agency to continue to contract with the KTA and minimize duplication of efforts for FY 2017 and beyond. The KDOT indicates passage of HB 2085 could result in future operational efficiencies and savings between the agency and the KTA; however, the KDOT is not able to estimate the amount of potential savings at this time. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2085 is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ben Cleaves, KDOT