

February 23, 2016

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

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2572 by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2572 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2572 would, except for certain cases specified by law, prohibit drivers from operating a motor vehicle while holding a wireless communication device to the driver's ear. The provision would not apply to a driver who is using a wireless communication device to summon medical or other emergency help.

The Kansas Highway Patrol indicates HB 2572 would have no fiscal effect on agency operations. According to the Kansas Association of Counties, the bill could increase local government expenses because of expanded law enforcement duties. However, the Association indicates that those expenses could be offset if there is a decline in traffic accidents related to the use of wireless communication devices by drivers. The Association is unable to estimate the specific dollar effect from HB 2572.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that the bill could increase the number of cases filed in district courts, which would add to the workload of judges and court staff. Increases to the number of cases could also result in the collection of additional docket fees. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or how complex and time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2572 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kim Torrey, Highway Patrol
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Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary