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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 126

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 126 would establish a \$15 driving test fee for the drive test portion of the commercial driver's license (CDL) application. It would establish an additional \$10 fee if a CDL applicant failed and must retake the pre-trip, skills test, or road test portion of the driving test.

The new fees would be remitted to a Commercial Driver's License Drive Test Fee Fund (Fund) created by the bill. The bill would require moneys credited to that Fund to be used by the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) only for the purposes of funding the administration and operation of the CDL drive test, including software and equipment maintenance, software enhancement, equipment purchase, acquisition and maintenance of one or more test tracks or courses for conducting a driving test, training, and marketing associated with CDL issuance. Expenditures would be made in accordance with appropriation acts. The bill would state moneys credited to the Fund shall be used to supplement existing appropriations and shall not be used to supplant State General Fund or other special revenue fund appropriations to the KDOR.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Transportation Committee at the request of the Division of Vehicles, KDOR. The Director of Vehicles testified in support of the bill. She

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stated the drive test portion of the CDL exam takes a minimum of 1.5 hours to administer and cited additional CDL-related costs, such as maintenance and replacement of CDL test courses. The Division's CDL Manager provided additional information, including the amounts of CDL test fees in nearby states (fees range from \$25 to \$225). There were no other conferees.

Before the House Committee on Transportation, the Director of Vehicles testified in support of the bill. There was no other testimony.

The House Committee amended the bill to specify the Fund could be used for acquisition and maintenance of one or more test tracks, rather than "a test track," and made a technical amendment.

Under current law, the fee for any driver's license examination is \$3 and the fee for retaking a driving test is \$1.50, both unchanged since 1963.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, KDOR estimates enactment of the bill would increase fee fund revenues by \$140,000 in FY 2016 and require an increase in expenditures of \$4,900 in FY 2016 to make system changes and perform testing. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.