

January 22, 2018

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 345-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 274 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 274 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 274 would create a new traffic violation and fine for negligent driving. The bill would prohibit persons who are operating or attempting to operate a vehicle from engaging in any activity or doing any act that interferes with the safe control and operation of the vehicle. The fine for negligent driving would be \$45.

SB 274 has the potential for increasing litigation in the courts because of the new violation created by the bill. If it does, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates that there would be a fiscal effect on the operations of the court system. 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 precise fiscal effect cannot be determined. In any case, the fiscal effect would most likely be accommodated within the existing schedule of court cases and would not require additional resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 274 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue