

February 22, 2019

The Honorable Fred Patton, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 519-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Patton:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2181 by Representative Alcala, et al.

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2181 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, law enforcement agencies must use, sell, or trade seized weapons that have been forfeited to the law enforcement agency by a court as long as the weapons are no longer needed as evidence in the prosecution of any indictment. HB 2181 would allow law enforcement agencies to destroy seized weapons that have been forfeited to the agency by a court.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that enactment of HB 2181 would result in a minimal increase in expenditures for counties to destroy forfeited weapons if they choose to or are ordered to by a court. The Association notes that there could be an opportunity cost for weapons that a court orders to be destroyed rather than sold. However, the fiscal effect cannot be estimated because the number of weapons that would be subject to a destruction order and the value of any potentially forfeited weapons is unknown. The Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, and League of Kansas Municipalities indicate that enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2181 is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Paul Weisgerber, KBI
Sherry Macke, Highway Patrol
Chris Tymeson, Wildlife, Parks & Tourism
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Jay Hall, Association of Counties