

August 3, 2017

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

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2236 by House Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2236 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2236 would amend existing law to regulate drivers of taxis, limousines, and any for-hire passenger service drivers. The bill would require the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to issue permits to these drivers, develop course guidelines to use in the training of these drivers on the safety and handling of passengers, and develop a certification/qualification plan for course instructors.

According to the KCC, enactment of HB 2236 would result in substantial additional expense as the bill would require the existing program, which regulates public and private motor carriers, to include drivers. While the agency is unable to estimate what the cost of implementation of this program would be due to the transient nature of this industry, it indicates that State General Fund would be needed for start-up costs. Costs of operations once the program was established would be assumed by licensing fees charged to the drivers. The agency believes that costs would include, but not be limited to, salaries and wages for additional FTE positions, as well as expenditures for contractors, office space, computers, vehicles, educational materials and staff training. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2236 is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget