

January 31, 2022

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 379 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 379 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 379 would prohibit cities and counties from enacting any ordinance that would regulate or prohibit use of an autonomous vehicle. The bill would only allow autonomous vehicles to operate with the automated driving system engaged while traveling the middle mile, defined as the “intrastate commercial movement of goods, in a business-to-business capacity, between two or more fixed points on fixed, repeatable routes.” The automated driving system would be prohibited from being engaged on a highway unless the vehicle could operate in compliance with all applicable traffic laws of the state and compliance with applicable federal law and motor vehicle safety standards.

The owner of the autonomous vehicle would be required to maintain insurance as specified in the bill and any operator would be required to have a valid driver's license for the class of vehicle operated when the automated driving system was not engaged. When assessing compliance with applicable traffic laws, the owner of the driving system would be considered the operator when an automated driving system was installed and engaged, regardless of whether the person was physically present in the vehicle while the vehicle was operating. A remote operator of an automated driving system would be required to have a valid driver's license for the class of vehicle being operated.

Estimated State Fiscal Effect				
	FY 2022 SGF	FY 2022 All Funds	FY 2023 SGF	FY 2023 All Funds
Revenue	--	--	--	--
Expenditure	--	--	125,000	125,000
FTE Pos.	--	--	--	--

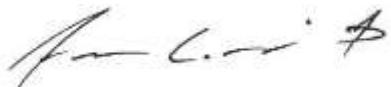
The Kansas Department of Revenue states enactment of SB 379 could increase administrative expenditures by approximately \$100,000 to \$125,000 in FY 2023 for necessary system changes.

The Kansas Highway Patrol does not anticipate a fiscal effect from enactment of SB 379, but notes that if the use of autonomous motor vehicles were to impact the goals of reducing the number and severity of traffic crashes through enforcement of impaired driving and occupant protection laws, it could become necessary for additional inspections and patrols to mitigate any hazards caused by automated driving systems. The Kansas Department of Transportation states that enactment of SB 379 would not have a fiscal effect on agency operations.

The Kansas Association of Counties states enactment of the bill would not impact counties initially but could create road issues in the future, however, the fiscal effect could not be estimated. The League of Kanas Municipalities stated any fiscal effect on cities would be negligible.

Any fiscal effect associated with SB 379 is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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cc: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation
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