February 6, 2023

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 142 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 142 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 142 would require drivers to take precautions when approaching stopped, standing, or parked vehicles displaying some type of hazard warnings according to the type of highway traveled on and the weather and traffic conditions present. The bill would add a $75.00 fine for unlawful passing of a stationary vehicle.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that SB 142 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts because it creates a new traffic violation. This, in turn, would increase the time spent by district court judicial and nonjudicial personnel in processing, researching, and hearing cases. Nevertheless, until the courts have had an opportunity to operate under the provisions of SB 142, an accurate estimate of the fiscal effect on expenditures by the Judicial Branch cannot be given. The bill could result in the collection of docket fees and fines in those cases filed under the provisions of the bill, which would be deposited in the State General Fund or other state funds.

The Kansas Highway Patrol indicates that SB 142 would have a negligible fiscal effect on expenditures. The Kansas Department of Revenue indicates that SB 142 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 142 is not reflected in The FY 2024 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Vicki Jacobsen, Judiciary
Sherry Macke, Highway Patrol