

February 24, 2014

The Honorable Sharon Schwartz, Chairperson
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
Statehouse, Room 149-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Schwartz:

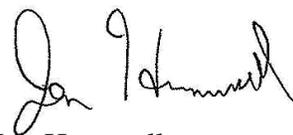
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2693 by House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2693 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2693 would require the Secretary of Revenue to authorize the community colleges in Hutchinson, Pratt, Barton County, Garden City, Fort Scott, and Dodge City, upon each community college's request, to administer commercial driver's license knowledge and skills tests. The Secretary would be required to adopt rules and regulations to implement the testing procedure. The bill would also extend seasonal commercial driver's licenses to commercial class A motor vehicles.

The Department of Revenue indicates that HB 2693 would have a negligible fiscal effect upon revenues from commercial driver's licenses which are remitted to the State Highway Fund. However, HB 2693 waives the knowledge and skills test, which could put Kansas out of compliance with federal requirements. The Department therefore indicates that it could result in the loss of approximately 5.0 percent of federal highway funds. The Kansas Department of Transportation indicates that Kansas receives \$340.0 million in federal highway funds, which would amount to a reduction of \$17.0 million if 5.0 percent were to be withheld. The Department of Revenue indicates that it is still assessing the fiscal effect of this bill, and if additional costs are required a revised fiscal note will be submitted. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2693 is not reflected in *The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Jon Hummell,
Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Steve Neske, Department of Revenue