

February 1, 2024

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

Dear Senator Petersen:

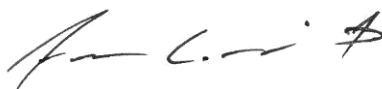
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 357 by Senate Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 357 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 357 would designate the portion of United States Highway 81 where it enters the state on the Kansas-Nebraska line, then south on United States Highway 81 to the southern border of Republic County as the "Merle Miller Memorial Highway." The bill would require the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to place signs to indicate the designation.

KDOT estimates that it would cost \$5,580 to manufacture and install two signs for the highway designated in the bill (\$2,790 per sign). However, current law requires that sufficient gifts and donations be received by KDOT prior to installing the signs to reimburse the agency for the initial cost, plus an additional 50.0 percent of the initial cost to defray future sign maintenance. Altogether, \$8,370 would be needed from donations to install the signs. KDOT indicates implementation of the bill would require an increase of \$5,580 to the expenditure limitation for the agency operations account in FY 2025. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 357 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Brendan Yorkey, Department of Transportation