

January 23, 2020

The Honorable Mike Petersen, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 345-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Petersen:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 247 by Senator Hilderbrand

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 247 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 247 would prohibit cities and counties from implementing, operating, or contracting for the operation of a photographic traffic signal enforcement system on and after July 1, 2020, with respect to a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the city or county. Cities and counties would also be prohibited from issuing citations for violations based on a recorded image produced by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system on and after July 1, 2020. The bill defines “photographic traffic signal enforcement system.”

The League of Kansas Municipalities states that while its research does not show the use of any automatic photographic traffic signal enforcement systems by local governments, there could be a potential that a prohibition could have a fiscal effect on cities because the bill could make it more difficult for law enforcement officers to perform their job in the event of infractions and motor vehicle accidents. Currently, officers may view traffic footage when an accident occurs, and the bill would prevent this type of active review.

The Kansas Association of Counties cannot estimate what, if any fiscal effect, enactment of SB 247 would have on counties.

Sincerely,



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