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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Transportation  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 1, 2023  
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2146

HB 2146 increases penalties for operating a vehicle in excess of 30 miles per hour over the speed limit.

K.S.A. 8-2118 contains the uniform fine schedule for traffic infractions. HB 2146 would amend the uniform fine schedule to increase these penalties. Section (c) beginning on page 1 of the bill contains the fines for certain traffic infractions in the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways. Current fines for driving more than 30 mph over the listed speed limit are \$195 plus \$15 per mph over 30 mph. HB 2146 would increase those penalties to \$500 plus \$20 per mph over 30 mph.

HB 2146 also increases the penalties for subsequent violations of operating a vehicle more than 30 miles per hour on page 10 and 11 of the bill. Subsection (i) provides that for a second violation and conviction for driving more than 30 mph over the speed limit within five years of a prior conviction, penalties will be elevated to a fine of \$750 plus \$25 per mph over 30 mph. For a third and each succeeding violation and conviction within five years of two or more prior convictions, the penalties will be elevated to a fine of \$1,000 plus \$30 per mph over 30 mph.

Finally, all the new penalties will be doubled if any of these violations are committed within a road construction zone or school zone. Doubling fines for traffic infractions in a construction zone or school zone are currently in the uniform fine schedule, but HB 2146 would make these apply to a second or any succeeding violation as well as a first violation for driving more than 30 mph over the speed limit.