

February 8, 2016

The Honorable Richard Proehl, Chairperson
House Committee on Transportation
Statehouse, Room 581-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2521 by House Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2521 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2521 would require the Department of Transportation (KDOT) to issue annual emergency response permits for the transportation of structures and materials needed for repair work immediately following a disaster where utility service or transportation infrastructure has been disrupted or damaged. Vehicles that have been granted permits would be able to operate on state maintained roads and highways at any time while responding to an emergency. "Structures and materials" would include, but not be limited to, utility wires, cables, crushed rock and equipment.

Passage of HB 2521 may have a fiscal effect. However, KDOT indicates the precise dollar effect is unknown because the number of permits that may be issued is difficult to estimate. KDOT reports that there is a lack of available data regarding the number of organizations and truck fleet sizes that may request permits. Currently, the fee for an annual emergency response permit is \$150 for each permit. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2521 is not reflected in *The FY 2017 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ben Cleaves, Transportation
Jack Smith, Department of Revenue