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February 13, 2018

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

Dear Representative Proehl:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2606 by House Committee on Transportation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2606 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2606 would modify existing requirements for driver's license renewals, specifically regarding vision examination. KSA 8-247(e) requires applicants to pass an examination of eyesight prior to renewing a driver's license. The examination is administered by a driver's license examiner, free of charge. HB 2606 would exempt individuals renewing their driver's license online from a vision examination. However, individuals renewing online would be required to certify, under penalty of law, that their vision satisfies the requirements of KSA 8-295 and that they have undergone a vision examination by a licensed ophthalmologist or a licensed optometrist within the last year. KSA 8-295 specifies the standard vision requirement to obtain a driver's license.

Individuals renewing online must have previously provided documentation of identity, lawful presence and residence to the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue would further be required to report to the House Committee on Transportation regarding the online renewal process and its effects regarding safety on the state's roads and highways prior to February 1, 2022.

The Department indicates enactment of HB 2606 could reduce the need for state driver's license examiners which could reduce salary and wage expenditures. The Department also indicates a survey of 32 other states that implemented online renewals revealed that all but one

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state did so within existing resources. However, the Department cannot accurately estimate the bill's fiscal effect on agency operations. The Board of Examiners in Optometry indicates enactment of HB 2606 would have no fiscal effect on the agency. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2606 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Campbell", written in a cursive style.

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Chief Budget Officer

cc: Jan Murray, Optometry
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue