

January 29, 2018

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 541-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 296 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 296 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 296 would amend current law by allowing evidence of failure to use a safety belt to be admissible in any action for determining comparative negligence or mitigation of damages.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, SB 296 could increase the number of cases filed in district courts and the number of and appeals. The bill could also increase the length of trials. This would increase the time spent by judicial and nonjudicial personnel to process, research, and hear cases. However, it is not possible to predict the number of additional court cases that would arise or time-consuming they would be. Therefore, a fiscal effect cannot be determined. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 296 is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary
Sherry Macke, Highway Patrol
Chardae Caine, League of Municipalities