

February 11, 2008

The Honorable John Vratil, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 281-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Vratil:

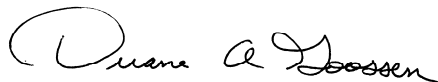
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 551 by Senator Journey

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 551 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, if a person is driving on a canceled, suspended or revoked license for driving under the influence, then he or she would be required to serve at least 90 days in jail. SB 551 would reduce the minimum jail time from 90 days to 30 days. Also under current law, if a person convicted of a Class A nonperson misdemeanor for driving on a canceled, suspended or revoked license for: (1) refusing to submit and complete a blood, breath, or urine test; (2) a conviction of vehicular homicide, involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence, or any other murder or manslaughter crime while operating a vehicle; or (3) a conviction of being a habitual violator, then the offender must serve at least 90 days in jail. SB 551 would reduce the minimum jail time from 90 days to 30 days.

SB 551 would reduce expenditures of local jails because the bill reduces the amount of jail time required for some driving convictions. However, there are no data to base an accurate estimate.

Sincerely,



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