

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Richard Proehl at 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mario Goico – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department

Craig McCullah, Legislative Research Department

Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Betty Boaz, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative James Todd

Christie Bittel, President of the Kansas County Treasurers Ass'n.

Joe Grisalano, Crawford County Treasurer

Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer

Pat Sharp, Lane County Treasurer

Tom Franzen, Johnson County Treasurer

Don McNeeley, KADA President

Michael Stringer, District 1, Engineer, KDOT

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Hearing on: HB2181 — Increasing certificate of title fees on motor vehicles.

Staff explained that **HB2181** would increase the fee for a duplicate title, antique vehicle title and nonhighway or salvage vehicle title from \$10 to \$20. He said that the \$10 increase would be deposited into a special fund for use by the county treasurer in paying for necessary help and expenses to the services performed in administering the provisions of the act.

Christie Bittel was the first proponent. ([Attachment 1](#)) She said their responsibilities and workload have increased with the current vehicle system in the past two years and the funds to support these changes have decreased.

The Chairman recognized Joe Grisolano. ([Attachment 2](#)) He said this bill increases the cost for a Certificate of Title from \$10.00 to \$20.00. He said the reason for this legislation is county motor vehicle offices have additional duties transferred from the state due to implementation of the DMVS computer system.

Linda Kizzire was the next proponent. ([Attachment 3](#)) She said her office continues to adapt to performing an increasing number of duties which were once performed at the state level. She said the wait time for their customers has continued to increase which has caused them to work late hours and

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weekends and add additional positions to meet some of the additional workload.

The next proponent was Patricia Sharp. ([Attachment 4](#)) She said even though she was from the third smallest county in Kansas, they still had the same issues and concerns as the other counties. She said they had noticed an increase in the workload for the processing of vehicle transactions.

Chairman Proehl recognized Thomas Franzen as the next proponent. ([Attachment 5](#)) He said it takes approximately 15 minutes per certificate of title transaction and Johnson County processed over 115,000 certificates in 2014. He said their growth rate of title transactions has averaged 3.77% per year over the last four years. He said the workload transferred to the counties was a significant factor driving a budgetary gap.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted in support of **HB2181**:
Paula Gilchrist, Douglas County Treasurer (WRITTEN ONLY) ([Attachment 6](#))
Jami Ellenbecker, Marshall County Treasurer (WRITTEN ONLY) ([Attachment 7](#))
Jeannine Bateman, Marion County Treasurer (WRITTEN ONLY) ([Attachment 8](#))
Gayla Sheilds, Miami County Treasurer (WRITTEN ONLY) ([Attachment 9](#))
Larry Mah, Shawnee County Treasurer (WRITTEN ONLY) ([Attachment 10](#))
Linda Coon, Wabaunsee County Treasurer (WRITTEN ONLY) ([Attachment 11](#))

The Chairman recognized Don McNeeley, KADA President, ([Attachment 12](#)) who rose in opposition to this bill. Mr. McNeeley referenced the Legislative Division of Post Audit who had issued a Performance Audit Report regarding the issues related to the DMV Modernization Project. He said a title fee increase across the board of 100% would generate additional revenue far in excess of the additional costs being incurred.

There were no other opponents and no neutrals so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2181** and opened the hearing on **HB2188**.

Hearing on: HB2188 — Driver's licenses; requiring entering into a payment plan for certain individuals to receive restricted driving privileges when license has expired while on suspension.

Staff explained **HB2188** would allow a person with a suspended license to be issued a restricted license if the individual enters into a one-year payment plan with the district or municipal court and is in compliance with its terms and conditions.

Chairman Proehl recognized Representative James Todd as the proponent for this bill. ([Attachment 13](#)) According to Representative Todd this bill is a response to **HB2009** from the 2014 session. He said **HB2009** allowed individuals to regain restricted driving privileges for \$25 and avoid the fines they have incurred. He feels **HB2188** will fix what he saw as a bad policy with the previous bill. The proponent said this bill adds one more requirement to the language of **HB2009** which requires that the individual must enter a repayment plan for the fine(s).

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There were no other proponents, opponents or neutrals so after all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2188** and opened the hearing on **HB2194**.

Hearing on: HB2194 — Establishing a safety corridor program.

The staff explained that **HB2194** would enact the Safety Corridor Act. The Act would authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish and administer a Safety Corridor Program. He said the Secretary could designate highway safety corridors on highways that are designated as interstate, United States or state highways.

The Chairman recognized Michael Stringer, District 1 Engineer with KDOT. ([Attachment 14](#)) According to Mr. Stringer, under the proposed bill KDOT would be granted the authority to establish a safety corridor program and designate certain routes as safety corridors based upon criteria for those established by the agency. He said Safety Corridor Programs in other states have been successful in reducing fatalities, serious injuries and alcohol-related crashes.

Written testimony was submitted by Representative Larry Campbell in support of this bill. ([Attachment 15](#))

There were no other proponents and no opponents or neutrals so the Chairman closed the hearing on **HB2194**.

Because of the time **HB2195** was continued to the next meeting which will be February 17, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.