

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Richard Proehl at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative James Todd – Excused  
Representative Mario Goico – Excused  
Representative Will Carpenter – 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 Troy Waymaster  
El Dean Holthaus, Smith Center, Kansas  
Whitney Damron, Representing Polaris Industries  
Lisa Kaspar, Director of Vehicles, KS Dept of Revenue

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Proehl opened the hearing on **SB43**.

### **Hearing on: SB43 — Home on the range highway.**

Staff explained **SB43** would designate the portion of K-8 Highway from the junction of K-8 Highway with U.S. Highway 36, north on K-8 Highway to the Nebraska state line as the Home on the Range Highway.

The first proponent was Representative Troy Waymaster. ([Attachment 1](#)) He said the State of Kansas has one of the world's most iconic songs as one of its treasures and that the song, "Home On the Range," our state song, is widely known throughout the world, Representative Waymaster said the song was created in a log cabin located in Smith Center in North Central Kansas.

The next proponent was El Dean Holthus. ([Attachment 2](#)) According to Mr. Holthus there are 16 historical miles leading to a Kansas Historical Site which they feel well deserves the name "The Home on the Range Highway." He said The Home on the Range Highway will lead to the only combination log/limestone cabin in the nation still on its original site and that it is the only location where an artist can play a song on the site where it was written in the cabin built by the author.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so Chairman Proehl closed the hearing on **SB43** and opened the hearing on **SB73**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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**Hearing on: SB73 — Definitions of certain vehicles.**

Staff explained **SB73** would change the definitions for all-terrain vehicle, recreation off-highway vehicle, and work-site utility vehicle. For all-terrain vehicles the bill would delete the requirement to have a seat designed to be straddled by the operator.

The Chairman recognized Whitney Damron as the proponent on **SB73**. ([Attachment 3](#)) Mr. Damron said Polaris Industries is seeking to update three definitions in statute relating to off-road vehicles with definitions that accurately reflect off-road vehicles in the market today and allow for continued innovation. The proposed changes pertain to "all-terrain vehicle," "Recreational off-highway vehicle," and "work-site utility vehicle."

There were no other proponents and no opponents so after all questions were answered the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB73** and opened the hearing on **SB126**.

**Hearing on: SB126 — Commercial driver's license test, fee.**

Staff explained SB126 would authorize the Department of Revenue to assess a \$15 fee for the drive test portion of the commercial driver's license application, and an additional \$10 fee required of any applicant who fails any portion of the test and wishes to test again. Staff also explained the need for a technical amendment to clarify language. ([Attachment 4](#))

Chairman Proehl recognized Lisa Kaspar. ([Attachment 5](#)) According to Director Kaspar, in 2014 they administered 7,282 CDL drive tests with 2,084 not passing. She said staff spent 10,923 hours administering the drive test at a cost of \$212,998.50 based upon averaged staff salary. She said this bill retains the \$3.00 fee for written and vision tests and adds a \$15.00 initial drive test fee and a \$10.00 re-exam drive test fee. She also said that the funds will be used for CDL examiners salaries, course repairs, background and drug tests, training and the certification program for third party testers and will allow them to continue to improve their service and reduce wait times. She stood for questions.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to information provided by staff concerning the CDL Test Fees as of 2-18-2015.

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB126**.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.