

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Richard Proehl at 1:30 pm on Monday, March 16, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative James Todd – Excused
- Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused
- Representative Will Carpenter – Excused
- Representative Barbara Ballard – Excused
- Representative Pam Curtis, appointed substitute member to the committee

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:

- Mike Hoeme, Director, Transportation Division, KCC
- Tom Whitaker, Executive Director, KS Motor Carriers Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Proehl opened the hearing on **SB127**.

### **Hearing on: SB127 — Requiring payment prior to installation of commemorative road naming signs.**

Staff explained **SB127** would require the Secretary of Transportation before placing any signs commemoratively designating any highway, bridge, interchange, or trail, to receive sufficient money from gifts and donations to cover the costs of placing such signs plus an additional 50 percent of the initial cost to defray future maintenance or replacement costs. **SB127** also would designate three portions of highway: The 2nd Lieutenant Justin L Sisson Memorial Highway, The George Ablah Expressway and the Kenneth W. Bernard Memorial Highway.

Staff also presented a technical amendment changing the wording from "markers" to "highway sign."

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the written testimony submitted in support of **SB127** by Senator Michael O'Donnell, ([Attachment 1](#)) Senator Mike Petersen ([Attachment 2](#)) and Eric Nichol, State Signing Engineer, KDOT. ([Attachment 3](#))

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB127**.

The Chairman opened the hearing on **SB150**.

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### **Hearing on: SB150 — Allowing corporate officers to appear before the corporation commission for certain fines.**

Staff explained that **SB150** would allow a duly authorized representative of a corporation or an attorney to enter an appearance and represent a motor carrier before the Kansas Corporation Commission if the civil penalty for violation of the applicable statute, KCC order, or KCC motor carrier rule and regulation would be \$500 or less.

Chairman Proehl recognized Mike Hoeme. ([Attachment 4](#)) He said after a meeting with involved parties they arrived at wording that they believe provides additional protection to corporations by requiring "a duly authorized representative of the corporation" or an attorney to enter an appearance on behalf of the motor carrier.

The next proponent was Tom Whitaker who said **SB150** would allow an authorized representative of a corporation OR counsel for such corporation to represent the corporation before the Kansas Corporation Commission in matters concerning motor carrier civil penalties of \$500 or less. ([Attachment 5](#))

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB150**.

### **Final action on: SB21 — Regulation and safety requirements for private motor carriers.**

Staff explained the bill. There were no questions from the Committee. *Representative Ryckman moved to favorably pass **SB21**, seconded by Representative Lusker. The Motion Carried.*

### **Final action on: SB43 — Home on the range highway.**

Staff explained the bill. *Representative Ryckman moved to favorably pass **SB43** and asked that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. The Motion was seconded by Representative Lusker and the Motion carried.*

### **Final action on: SB72 — Operation of transit buses on certain right shoulders in Wyandotte County.**

Staff explained the bill. *Representative Ryckman moved to favorably pass **SB72** seconded by Representative Rooker and the Motion carried.*

### **Responses to Previous Inquiries**

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to inquiries from last week's meetings that had been forwarded to them:

- 1) KDOT's response on the operation of transit buses on certain right shoulders in Wyandotte County;

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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[\(Attachment 6\)](#)

2) Staff's information on use of simulators for CDL test purposes; [\(Attachment 7\)](#) and

3) CDL information for **SB126** provided by Department of Revenue. [\(Attachment 8\)](#)

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the House Transportation Committee would be on March 17, 2015.

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