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**Testimony in Support of SB 99 to  
The House Transportation Committee  
By Josh Roe, Assistant Secretary  
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Good afternoon Chairman Proehl and members of the committee. My name is Josh Roe and I am an Assistant Secretary for the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

I am here to testify in support of SB 99. This bill will create an exception to the length limitations for up to 81.5 feet for custom harvesters hauling harvesting equipment.

An important facet of the agricultural industry in Kansas is the ability to conduct timely harvests. This is only accomplished with the presence of custom harvesting crews that reside in many other states. It is important that these harvesters, which are nearly all small, family-operated businesses, be able to move into and out of the state of Kansas as efficiently as possible. A key driver of efficiency is being able to travel between states such as Kansas and Nebraska without having to break down and reconfigure the tractor-trailer rig to meet different length requirements.

Thank you for allowing me to testify before you today. I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.