

## **TESTIMONY**

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## Senate Transportation Committee Hearing on HB2006 Disabled American Veterans free public parking 8:30 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015

Chairman Petersen and members of the committee:

In response to a request by local members of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter, the Wichita City Council recommends passage of state legislation that will provide free public parking for qualified disabled American veterans in attended public parking facilities.

DAV members already enjoy free public parking in metered public parking areas, an appropriate expression of our thanks for their service and sacrifice in defense of our nation. HB2006 would expand that privilege to attended parking facilities, which include such notable locations as the recently renamed Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport (formerly Mid-Continent Airport).

HB2006 is a modest token of appreciation to the 26,574 Kansas veterans with qualified service-related disabilities. Thank you for giving it your thoughtful consideration.