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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Transportation

The meeting was called to order by Representative Rex Crowell at \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

1:35 ~~am~~/p.m. on January 31, 1983 in room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Larry Erne, excused.

Committee staff present:

Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department  
Fred Carman, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Pam Somerville, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Theo Cribbs, Sponsor of HB 2059.  
Mr. Steve Montgomery, Department of Revenue  
Mr. Henry T. Staudte, Driver Control, Motor Vehicle Department  
Mr. Jack Mulligan, Kansas Safety Association

Others Present:

Mr. Edward R. DeSoignie, Department of Transportation

The first order of business was HB 2059. The Chairman recognized Rep. Cribbs, sponsor of HB 2059. Rep. Cribbs started testimony by giving a background of the bill and indicating the purpose of the bill was to create a revenue source to finance the cost of holding the drivers' clinics across the state. Currently, no fee is charged to the person attending.

Mr. Steve Montgomery gave testimony in support of HB 2059. He suggested we might want to delete "and (3)" in line 81 of the bill. He also suggested we might want to add language to insure the money goes to fund the clinic program and not into the general fund.

Testimony was given by Mr. Henry T. Staudte, Information Representative, Driver Control Bureau.

Chairman Crowell opened the meeting to committee discussion. Discussion ensued by several committee members as to the guidelines for attendance at the clinics, education provided at the clinics and standard procedures followed. Mr. Montgomery replied that normally, after three citations in a six month period, the computer automatically flags an individual's driving record. After three citations, it is discretionary that the individual attends the driving clinics. Current policy makes it mandatory to attend the drivers' clinic after four citations, but if one of the four is serious (such as DWI), suspension may occur through due process proceedings.

Further discussion regarding length of clinics, where the clinics are held, ratio of repeats, and other states that have such a program followed. Mr. Montgomery replied that clinics are two hours long and are held in nine locations across the state. He is aware of two other states, Iowa and Texas, having a program such as Kansas. Fees for these states are \$15 and \$18, respectively.

Chairman Crowell asked Mr. Staudte whether the clinics are worthwhile. Mr. Staudte cited statistics gained in 1977 indicating the clinics were 90% effective.

Rep. Justice asked Mr. Staudte what the cost was to the state for the clinics. Mr. Staudte replied that the cost incurred by the state was approximately \$9.53 per person with an average of 4800 persons attending each year. Requested attendance has been around 6200 persons per year.

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Testimony was then given by Mr. Jack Mulligan, Kansas Safety Association, in support for the measure stating he had recently studied the Texas plan and found that their success rate was 85% with all attendees paying an \$18.00 fee. He also stated that in Texas, insurance agencies give a 10% reduction in premiums for those persons who attend the clinic. With the conclusion of this discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

  
Rex Crowell, Chairman

