

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
HOUSE BILL NO. 2335**

As Agreed to April 10, 2025

Brief*

HB 2335 would authorize issuance of the Hunter Nation distinctive license plate on and after January 1, 2026, for use on a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

The bill would establish the procedures for a vehicle owner or lessee to obtain the license plate and the responsibilities of Hunter Nation, Inc., with regard to this license plate. The bill would allow Hunter Nation, Inc., to set the royalty for use of its logo for each license plate at an amount between \$25 and \$100, to be paid at initial issuance and renewal. Monthly royalty payments would be directed to Hunter Nation Foundation, Inc.

The bill would authorize the Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue, to transfer a Hunter Nation license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee agreed to remove the contents of HB 2335, concerning maternity centers and the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act, and insert the provisions of SB 18, as amended by the House Committee on Transportation.

[Note: The provisions of HB 2335 were included in the Conference Committee Report for HB 2039.]

Background

The Conference Committee report contains the provisions of SB 18, as amended by the House Committee on Transportation. Background information for this bill is provided below.

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SB 18

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation at the request of Senator Tyson.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of Hunter Nation, Inc., provided **proponent** testimony, stating the bill would allow a Kansas-based not-for-profit conservation organization, Hunter Nation, Inc., to be supported with a Kansas license plate.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a member of the Hunter Nation, Inc., board of directors, who stated that the bill would help Kansans promote hunting and conservation.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to remove Section 2, which would have lowered the threshold for initial issuance and the thresholds at which the Director of Vehicles is required to discontinue the issuance of any distinctive license plate. Section 2 also would have exempted certain license plates from certain issuance procedures. The Senate Committee also amended the title of the bill to reflect removal of Section 2. [*Note:* The Conference Committee retained this amendment.]

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, Senator Tyson provided **proponent** testimony, stating the organization began in Kansas and has a mission to promote safe hunting and hunter education.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by the President of Hunter Nation and a member of the Hunter Nation, Inc., board of directors.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to require payments to be made to Hunter Nation Foundation, Inc. [*Note:* The Conference Committee retained this amendment.]

House Committee of the Whole

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to remove the requirement that payments be made to Hunter Nation Foundation, Inc. [*Note:* The Conference Committee did not retain this amendment.]

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on SB 18, as introduced, the Department of Revenue indicates enactment of the bill would increase its expenditures by \$2,640 in FY 2026 for administrative costs related to designing and manufacturing the new license plate.

Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Transportation; license plate; distinctive license plate; Hunter Nation

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