

SESSION OF 2025

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 18

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 18, as amended, 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.

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

Background

SB 18 was introduced by 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

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SB 18 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. It also would have exempted certain license plates from certain issuance procedures.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the bill 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 SB 18 is not reflected in *The FY 2026 Governor's Budget Report*.

Transportation; distinctive license plates; Hunter Nation