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## **MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 8:33 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Roger Reitz - excused

Committee staff present:

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jane Wentz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Garrett Schultz, Royal Valley Middle School student, proponent

Nick Ehrhart, Royal Valley Middle School student, proponent

Jacob Hastings, Royal Valley Middle School student, proponent

Jarrett Roy, Royal Valley Middle School student, proponent

Weston Hasty, Royal Valley Middle School student, proponent

Jenna Thurman, Royal Valley Middle School student, proponent

Derrick Barger, Royal Valley Middle School student, proponent

Ray Wilk, Kansas Department of Revenue

Representative Bob Bethell, District 113, proponent

Representative Randy Garber, District 62, proponent (written only)

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

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Hearing and possible final action on:

### **HB 2599—Providing registration decals for certain antique vehicles**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and recognized Representative Bob Bethell, District 113. Representative Bethell spoke in support of **HB 2599**, as he has an interest in antique cars and the use of a license plate from the vehicle's year of origin (Attachment 1). He believes the technology is available and can be used to allow for an easy transition regarding those cars approaching the category of "antique vehicle." Any vehicle thirty-five years or older qualifies for an antique vehicle tag. Ray Wilk, Policy and Procedure Manager, Division of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue, spoke in favor of **HB 2599** (Attachment 2). Mr. Wilk stated a model year tag is a license plate issued by the State of Kansas with the year embossed in the tag, and may be used when the model year of the antique vehicle and the tag year match. Since 1976, license plates have not been embossed with the plate year, thus the current statute does not allow for usage on vehicles with model years starting in 1976. This bill will allow usage of license plates with no embossed year when appropriate, with the addition of a sticker to indicate the vehicle year. The Chairperson asked if anyone else wished to speak regarding **HB 2599** and hearing no requests, closed the hearing. The Chairperson stated he would like to work the bill and would entertain a motion. *Senator Kultala made a motion to recommend **HB 2599** favorably for passage. Senator Marshall seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

### **HB 2509—Designating a portion of K-9 as the David Mee memorial highway**

At the request of the Chairperson, Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, provided a brief overview of **HB 2509**. Representative Randy Garber, District 113, provided written testimony in support; however, he was unable to testify in person (Attachment 3). The Chairperson asked if anyone wished to speak on this bill and, hearing no requests, declared the hearing closed. The Chairperson stated he would entertain a motion. *Senator Donovan made a motion to recommend **HB 2509** favorably*

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*for passage and place it on the consent calendar. Senator Petersen seconded the motion, and the motion carried on voice vote.*

### **HB 2612–Barnes brothers memorial highway**

The Chairperson then opened the hearing on **HB 2612** and recognized Garrett Schultz, Royal Valley Middle School student, who spoke in support of **HB 2612** (Attachment 4). The following Royal Valley Middle School students also spoke in support of **HB 2612**: Nicholas Ehrhart (Attachment 5), Jacob Hastings (Attachment 6), Jarrett Roy (Attachment 7), Weston Hasty (Attachment 8), Jenna Thurman (Attachment 9), and Derrick Barger (Attachment 10). The Committee commended the students on their preparedness and their ability to articulate different facets of the Barnes brothers' lives. The Committee asked the students the cost of the sign (\$2,820) and what their plans were to raise the monies necessary to pay for the signage. As a group, the students will be meeting to formulate a plan for fund raising. After asking if anyone else wished to speak on this bill and, hearing no requests, the Chairperson declared the hearing closed. The Chairperson stated he would entertain a motion to pass **HB 2612** out of Committee. *Senator Marshall made a motion to recommend **HB 2612** favorably for passage. Senator Huntington seconded the motion, and the motion carried on voice vote.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2012.