

**Written Testimony before the
Kansas House Committee on
Transportation
On SB 96
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Mr Chairman and members of the committee:

SB96 is the indirect result of the new MOVRS program, implemented May of 2012.

Since the implemented, it is evident that the State is shifting more and more of the responsibilities down to the county level. The Motor Vehicle office is now responsible for approving titles which had previously been accomplished at the State level. In order to keep up with the demands as well as correcting issues of processing all registrations, I need to devote an employee to work on titles thus taking away from my counter clerks who wait on the walk in customers.

In my county, the functions of the Motor Vehicle Department are not co-mingled with my tax operation. This allows me to have a more accurate accounting of the funds I receive to operate the motor vehicle office. Operational costs as well as maintaining seasoned employees are going up and my commissioners will not subsidize the motor vehicle office and have made that very clear to me.

Not every county is currently experiencing an issue with funding at this time. This bill, however, would give each county the ability to keep their funds in the black should it be necessary and by providing the means to continue to do business in the future and for those who are finding it more problematic.

Kansas County Treasurer's Association supports this bill.