

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Richard Proehl at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 582-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Ponka-We Victors – Excused

Representative James Todd – Excused

Representative Kasha Kelley – Excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Shelley, Legislative Research Department

Craig McCullah, Legislative Research Department

Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Scott Wells, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Betty Boaz, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Senator Tom Holland

Chris Tymeson, Legal Council, Department of Wildlife and Parks

Tom Franzen, Johnson County Finance Director and Treasurer

Mark Schemm, Manager, Titles and Registration, KS Dept. of Revenue

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chairman Proehl called the meeting to order and opened the hearing on **SB190**.

Hearing on: SB190 — Allowing persons to operate sailboat after completing instruction led class.

Staff explained that **SB190** would amend existing law concerning boating safety education requirements for operation of a motorboat or sailboat.

The Chairman recognized Senator Tom Holland. ([Attachment 1](#)) He said **SB190** is legislation intended to promote boating safety by making sailboat training classes more accessible to those under 21 years of age.

The next proponent was Christopher Tymeson. ([Attachment 2](#)) He said The Department of Wildlife and Parks supports the provisions contained in this bill. He said approximately 1700 people took the Kansas boater education course last calendar year.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to Written testimony submitted in support of **SB190** by Richard J. Wells, Commodore, Perry Yacht Club. ([Attachment 3](#))

There were no other proponents and no opponents so the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB190** and opened the hearing on **SB215**.

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Hearing on: SB215 — Motor vehicle registration, evidence of renewal.

Staff explained that **SB215** would provide a ten-day grace period for failing to display a current registration decal on a passenger vehicle if the person is able to produce a registration receipt for the current 12-month registration period.

Chairman Proehl recognized Thomas Franzen as the first proponent. [\(Attachment 4\)](#) According to Mr. Franzen this legislation was intended to improve customer service and reduce both costs and the volume of motor vehicle customers who come in to a motor vehicle office on the last day of the month to renew their vehicle registrations.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to written testimony submitted in support of **SB215** by: Christie Bittel, President, Kansas County Treasurers Ass'n [\(Attachment 5\)](#); Larry Mah, Shawnee County Treasurer [\(Attachment 6\)](#); Joe Grisolano, Crawford County Treasurer [\(Attachment 7\)](#); and Gayla Shields, Miami County Treasurer [\(Attachment 8\)](#).

There was no opposing testimony.

Chairman Proehl recognized Mark Schemm who provided neutral testimony. [\(Attachment 9\)](#) Mr. Schemm said that the Division of Vehicles had reviewed **SB215** and had no concerns with the passage and implementation of the bill. He said they thought the passage of this bill would be beneficial.

There were no other proponents, opponents or neutrals so the Chairman closed the hearing on **SB215** and proceeded to final action on **SB73**.

Final action on: SB73 — Definitions of certain vehicles.

Staff explained **SB73**. Chairman Proehl discussed with the Committee a letter he received from Thom Iles, John Deere Worldwide Public Affairs. Members received a copy of the letter as well. [\(Attachment 10\)](#) The letter stated "Deere's main concern is the "blurring of the lines."

In response to questions from the Committee, staff provided a chart "Specifications of Alternative Vehicles (Summarized from legal definitions). [\(Attachment 11\)](#) The Committee asked Whitney Damron, representing Polaris Industries, if they had reached out to John Deere and others. Mr. Damron replied that they had contacted John Deere and others but had not heard back.

*After discussion Representative Lusker moved to pass **SB73** favorable, seconded by Representative Doll and the Motion carried.*

Final action on: SB126 — Commercial driver's license test, fee.

Staff explained **SB126** and suggested a technical amendment. [\(Attachment 12\)](#) *Representative Lusker moved to favorably pass **SB126**. Representative Sloan moved to amend this bill per the balloon amendment, seconded by Representative Rooker and the Motion carried.* Back on the bill.

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Representative Lusker moved to favorably pass **SB126, as amended**, seconded by Representative Sloan and the Motion carried.

The Chairman announced that the final meeting would be Thursday, March 19th at which time they would have Final Action on **SB127**, **SB150**, **SB190** and **SB215**.

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned.