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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Jami Ellenbecker, Treasurer of Marshall County. I would like to first thank you for this opportunity to submit my written testimony on behalf of Kansas County Treasurer's Association and Marshall County in support of HB2181. We support this request for an increase in Kansas title fees from \$10.00 to \$20.00 with the increase going to the counties to help offset and fund additional work being passed down from the state level to the county level.

Since the implementation of the new motor vehicle system in May of 2012, the process, workload, and transfer of additional duties and responsibilities from the State to Counties have significantly increased expenses for Counties. Most recent a majority of counties have the added responsibility of processing commercial vehicles and some IRP vehicles. With the continuing addition of workload, counties are faced with doing more work with more legal responsibilities without ample funds to increase work force as needed to meet the demands they impose upon us.

We have learned that the state is considering no longer printing vehicle renewal notices for taxpayers. This not only puts a strain on our already short staffs, but puts a cost of supplies and postage to accommodate the mailing out of our offices.

In closing, research has shown that Kansas has one of the lowest title fees in the nation and by raising the fee by the amount we are requesting, we would still be on the low side nationwide. Increasing the title fee will be a direct impact to those that utilize this service. It will not impact constituents that are simply renewing their vehicles.

On behalf of Kansas County Treasurer's Association and personally as a county Treasurer, I support the passage of this bill.