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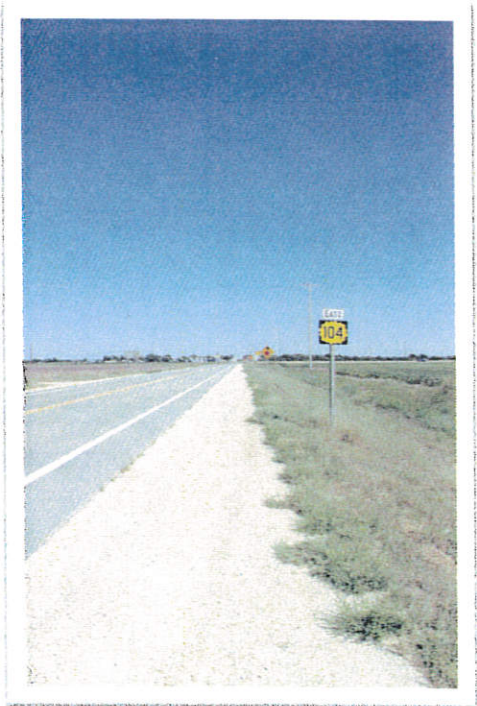
Representative Marvin Kleeb, 48th District
Kansas House of Representatives
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- ❖ The Kansas Turnpike had a speed limit of 80-mph and rural highways were 75-mph prior the Nationally Mandated Speed Limit
- ❖ Notwithstanding the historical perspective, no-one would argue against the fact that Kansas' road system and the quality of vehicles is far superior than it was 40-years ago
- ❖ The Reason Foundation in 2012, ranked Kansas 5th overall in the nation for Highway Performance. The rankings include Interstate and rural primary road pavement conditions, bridge conditions, urban Interstate/freeway congestion, and narrow rural arterial lanes (Reason Foundation 2012)
 - In the 2012 report, Kansas had no rural pavement roads rated in poor condition and less than 1% [0.66% of Urban Interstate rated in poor condition, 0.02% of rural arterial roadways] of overall roads rated in poor condition.
- ❖ HB 2643
 - **What this Bill does:**
 - Allows the Secretary of Transportation to *raise* speed limits on rural highways to 5-mph above the limit in K.S.A. 8-1558(a)4, for a maximum allowable speed of 70-mph
 - Requires Engineering and Traffic Investigation to be requested and completed before any change is made
 - An engineering study must be run by or under the supervision of an engineer in accordance with the appropriate principles, provisions, and practices taken from their uniform manuals and methods.
 - **What this Bill does not do:**
 - Mandate any change to current speed limits
 - Allow *unilateral* changes to speed limits
- ❖ All changes must be accompanied by a written note and notice to the public and law enforcement. Any change *raising* the current limit must also be backed by a comprehensive engineering and traffic investigation.
- ❖ Five other states have similar laws: Utah, Idaho, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Wyoming [all five have the same engineering and traffic investigation clause]

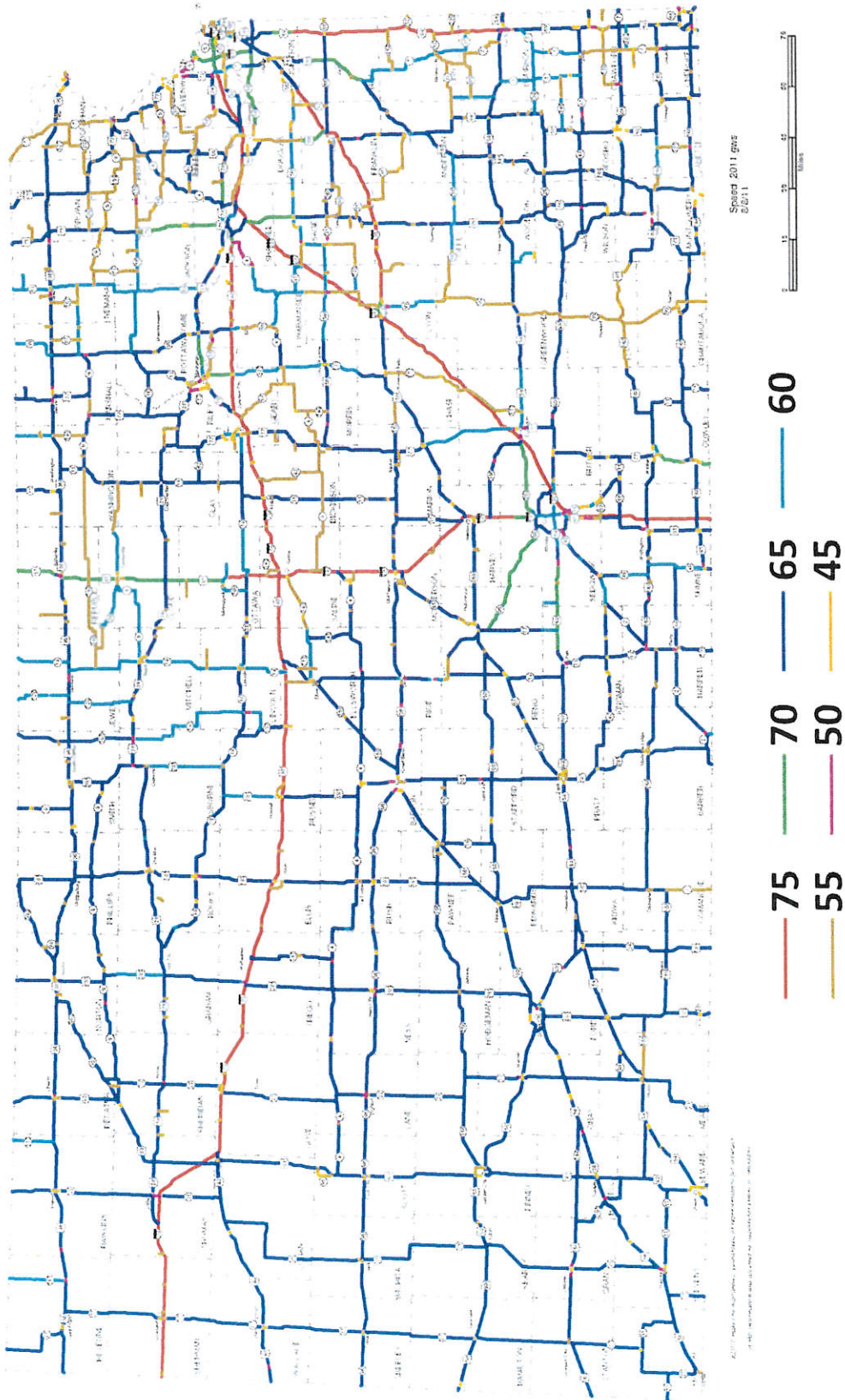
Senate Transportation Committee
Date 3-11-2016
Attachment 8



Pictured (clockwise from upper left):
Unknown Ks Highway, KS-16, KS-104
near Mentor KS, US-56
Bottom: Map of KS Highway Speed
Limits



Kansas Speed Limits



	Rural Interstates	Urban Interstates	Limited Access Roads	Other Roads
Colorado	75	65	65	65
Idaho	75/80/65*	75/80/65*	70	70
Kansas	75	75	75	65
Montana	80/65*	65	70/65****	70/65****
Nebraska	75	65	65	60
North Dakota	75	75	70	65
Oklahoma	75	70	70	70
South Dakota	80	80	70	70
Texas	75/80-85**	75	75	75
Wyoming	75/80***	75/80***	70	70

* Cars/Specified Segments/Trucks

** Statewide/Specified Segments

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**** Day/Night

Data in this graph was taken from a report by the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety

All States available on their website <https://www.iihs.org>

Table 1: Overall Highway Performance Rankings 2012

State	Overall
Wyoming	1
Nebraska	2
South Dakota	3
South Carolina	4
Kansas	5
North Dakota	6
New Mexico	7
Mississippi	8
Montana	9
Kentucky	10
Texas	11
Missouri	12
Georgia	13
Ohio	14
Wisconsin	15
Maine	16
Tennessee	17
Iowa	18
Arizona	19
North Carolina	20
Alabama	21
Oklahoma	22
New Hampshire	23
Nevada	24
Virginia	25
Oregon	26
Illinois	27
Minnesota	28
Utah	29
Idaho	30
Florida	31
Michigan	32
Colorado	33
West Virginia	34
Arkansas	35
Indiana	36
Delaware	37
Vermont	38
Maryland	39
Louisiana	40
Pennsylvania	41
Washington	42
New York	43
Connecticut	44
California	45
Massachusetts	46
Rhode Island	47
New Jersey	48
Alaska	49
Hawaii	50