

To: Committee on Ways and Means

From: Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer

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Re: Senate Bill 354

Mr. Chairman and Members Committee on Ways and Means:

I am offering written testimony in opposition of the proposed changes to the Department of Revenue portion of Senate Bill 354, Page 5, Section E. This Bill will make changes to Kansas Statute 79-5108 which mandates the Kansas Department of Revenue to produce and mail a motor vehicle application to an owner. The current application provides very detailed information on the vehicle being renewed to include the tag number, vehicle identification number, make and model, owners name and last known address of the owner. Additionally, insurance information and a personal identification number (PIN) is listed for the convenience of the customer to conduct the renewal on-line. If a person has multiple vehicles to be renewed, each vehicle is listed with its respective renewal information.

In this Bill, the Kansas Department of Revenue is suggesting sending a simple post card which merely notifies a vehicle owner their vehicle is due for renewal. It further directs the owner to call a state number or go to their local County Treasurer's Office to renew their vehicle. There is no information provided as to which vehicle or how much it will cost to renew the vehicle(s). This scenario will cause a tremendous increase in phone calls and walk-in traffic into the County Treasurer's Office to learn which vehicles are up for renewal as well as the amount of money the customer needs to pay in order to renew their vehicle.

This is the second year in a row that the Kansas Department of Revenue has attempted to offload additional work and unfunded expenses to the County Treasurers. The proposed changes would require additional printing and postage expenses in order for us to provide our citizens with the information that the Kansas Department of Revenue should be providing.

As an elected official, my goal is to provide accurate, efficient service to my constituents. I see this legislation as a cumbersome and expensive process, which will not benefit the majority of tax payers in Sedgwick County. Please do not support this change.

Thank you.

Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer