



Kansas County Treasurers Association
Linda D. Coon, Wabaunsee County, President

To: Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Linda D. Coon
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Wabaunsee County Treasurer

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RE: SB 354

Honorable Chairman Masterson and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for allowing me to submit testimony outlining my reasons for not supporting SB 354, Department of Revenue, Section (e). I represent the Kansas County Treasurers Association, as President, and am the Wabaunsee County Treasurer.

I feel that the State of Kansas not sending Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices would be a great disservice to the citizens of Kansas. Some of my concerns are as follows:

1. How will vehicle owners know the amounts they will need to send to their local county treasurer's offices?
2. We all get itemized billings for utility services, credit card charges, etc. Why would we not want to send notices for vehicle registrations to insure accuracy of payments?
3. Our vehicle owners will be more likely to call their local county treasurer's offices for registration information. How will county treasurers be able to handle all the phone calls that will result?
4. County treasurers have the option to send out their own notices. Where will the extra funds for counties come from to fund extra employees, postage and mailing supplies? We have the option of contracting these services out but, there will still be added expenses to the county offices.
5. Counties have already been strapped with increased responsibilities to process motor vehicle titles and registrations with no increase in fees to perform these duties.
6. County treasurer's offices have the option to charge a facility fee for performing vehicle services in person but, many of our residents feel they are being penalized for going in to their county offices. These residents already pay taxes to support these county offices.
7. Wabaunsee County has an aging population that does not have access to the internet. How will they be able to get the information for renewing their vehicles without contacting their county treasurer by telephone or going directly to their county treasurer office.

These are just a few of the immediate problems that are anticipated. I thank you for your consideration and ask that you vote to amend this section to allow for sending out Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal Notices in their present, detailed form.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda D. Coon
Kansas County Treasurer's Association President
Wabaunsee County Treasurer