



March 2, 2016

TO: The Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: The City of Olathe

SUBJECT: Opposition to SB 403

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While the primary provision in SB 403, capping the amount of revenue a local government receives to 10% of budget, would have no impact on the City of Olathe, the provision redirecting the majority of traffic citation revenue received from citations on the "state network" is problematic.

Currently, local Johnson County governments are responsible for the vast majority of accident response and enforcement on state and federal highways within its jurisdiction. In fact on many occasions, there are no Highway Patrol Troopers patrolling within Johnson County boundaries. As such, the state relies on local law enforcement to keep the network safe for motorists.

Mandating 70% of all traffic fine revenue generated on the network be returned to the state treasury unfairly shifts paying for this service directly to local taxpayers.

As such, the City of Olathe opposes SB 403.