

Kansas State Legislative Board
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers

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The Honorable Senator Carolyn McGinn
Chair of Standing Committee on Ways and Means
Distinguished Members of the Committee
Kansas State Legislature, Senate
State Capitol, Room 548-S
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: SB285 — Establishing the joint legislative transportation task force.

Dear Sen. McGinn and Members of the Committee:

The Sheet Metal Air Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) is a proponent of SB285.

SMART represents over three thousand members active and retired in the state of Kansas. Our members work in all areas of transportation in the state, from railroad conductors and engineers, bus drivers and aircraft pilots. Our office is the transportation infrastructure throughout Kansas.

The establishment of a newly formed transportation task force would set in motion a statewide initiative to identify current and future transportation needs throughout Kansas.

The task force would be comprised of legislators, transportation stakeholders from the private sector, and other Kansans representing interests ranging from local units of government to public transit agencies.

SMART is a stakeholder in that process. Every day throughout Kansas our members face situations that require professional expertise to keep the public safe on our roads, skies and rail lines.

SMART also recognizes the economic impact of good transportation planning. Our members deliver goods and commodities professionally with that comes professional wages. Any investment in transportation infrastructure is an investment in good paying jobs for Kansas.

SMART ask that an amendment is offered to include SMART Transportation as task force member in the joint legislative transportation task force.

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Please support SB285.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ty Drago".

Ty Drago
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