



Kansas Economic Progress Council

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Proponent Testimony on HB 2369 House Committee on Appropriations

Chairman Waymaster and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2369

The Kansas Economic Progress Council (KEPC) is a statewide pro-business organization supporting balanced, thoughtful investments to achieve economic prosperity. Our members include businesses, local chambers of commerce, economic development professionals, and local and state trade organizations.

The bill before you today, HB 2369, is a product of the 2017 Legislative Transportation Task Force, and in its report, the Task Force repeatedly stressed its support for continued emphasis on practical improvements. HB 2369 is a perfect example of a practical improvement in the way some projects are funded: amending statutes so that toll projects could be partially, rather than solely, financed with tolls.

KEPC believes this legislation adds tools to the tool box for consideration as policy makers look to help Kansas meet the needs of our long-term transportation needs, including increased capacity.

Again, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify today and the focus you are bringing to transportation funding. I urge your support of HB 2369.

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