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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
House Committee on Taxation
Opponent Testimony against HB 2381 • March 12, 2019

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in against House Bill 2381, which would increase the motor fuel taxes by \$0.06. Motor fuel taxes are used to fund the state highway fund and the special city and county highway fund. Currently, the state highway fund receives 66.37% of the funds generated by the motor fuel tax. Under this bill, the state portion of the tax would rise to 72.54% in 2019, then 72.99% in July 2020. This increase in the state portion effectively means that the special city and county highway fund would not receive any increase as a result of this change in the law.

Kansas counties own and maintain 82% of all roads in Kansas, and 77% of all bridges. Increasing the motor fuel tax while decreasing the percentage that goes to the special city and county highway fund forces local units of government to rely on property taxes to fund road and bridge maintenance.

The Kansas Association of Counties requests that the Committee amend HB 2381 and maintain the current funding split of 66.37% (State Highway Fund) and 33.63% (Special City and County Highway Fund). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jay Hall' in a cursive script.

Jay Hall

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