



Kansas Economic Progress Council

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Proponent Testimony on HB 2367 and HB 2368 House Committee on Taxation

Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2367 and HB 2368.

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 two bills before you today, HB 2367 and HB 2368, are products of the 2017 Legislative Transportation Task Force. In their recommendation, the task force noted that local transportation needs exceed available resources and some portion of SGF moneys should be directed to local governments to meet those needs. If local participation is required for local projects, it makes sense that the Legislature should consider authorizing revenue increasing options including modifications to demand transfers (HB 2367) and exemptions to the tax lid statute (HB 2368).

KEPC believes this legislation adds tools to the tool box/options on the table—whatever phrase you prefer—for consideration as policy makers look to help Kansas meet the needs of our transportation infrastructure.

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 2367 and HB 2368.

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