



Kansas Economic Progress Council

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Proponent Testimony on HB 2372 House Committee on Taxation

Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2372.

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 2372, is a product of the 2017 Legislative Transportation Task Force. We support the recommendations of the Task Force to reduce transfers from the highway fund and identify stable funding sources for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

HB2372 establishes increased registration fees for an electric vehicle at \$150 and for a hybrid vehicle at \$75.

Kansans drive on average around 15,000 miles per year. Driving a gas-powered vehicle with an average gas mileage of 17mpg and a 24 cent gas tax, Kansans spend on average over \$230 per year on motor fuels tax and registration fees for their gas-powered vehicles. KEPC agrees with the task force recommendation that as more fuel-efficient vehicles come onto the market, all vehicles need to share in the cost of maintaining 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 2372.

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