



To: House Transportation Committee
From: Travis Lowe
AAA Kansas
March 13, 2019
Re: Support of Senate Bill 94

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

I am Travis Lowe appearing on behalf of AAA Kansas. Since AAA's founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying organization has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA serves over 344,000 Kansans.

On behalf of AAA, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to offer support for legislation that will improve road safety for auto drivers across the state. Senate Bill 94 establishes a minimum instructional threshold and improves the curriculum approval process for defensive driving courses.

Kansas statute provides the opportunity for drivers to receive a discount on their auto insurance if they complete a defensive driving course. AAA offers a defensive driving course that is utilized across the state. In fact, the course is offered 80-100 times in a given year.

AAA supports SB 94 as amended by the Senate Transportation Committee. The amended version of the bill reflects agreed language among proponents that provides for flexibility in curriculum approval. This ensures a particular safety organization is not named in the statute, but broader references are made to utilize a nationally-recognized driver training curriculum or a nationally-recognized safety organization.

SB 94 passed the Senate 40-0. There were no opponents in the Senate Transportation Committee's hearing.

We respectfully urge your support of this bill in its amended form.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this matter.

Travis Lowe