



**HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**ORAL PROPONENT TESTIMONY - HB2531**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

**ADAM LUSKER ON BEHALF OF THE KANSAS STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Chairman Proehl, Vice Chair Thimesch, Ranking Member Helgerson and Committee; Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of HB2531.

HB2531 will establish a Firefighters Training Fund. A \$10 fee will be collected at the time of purchasing or renewing the firefighter distinctive license plate.

The firefighter tags, like this one, have been in existence in Kansas since 2004. The Association paid the initial \$10,000 to have the plate first produced, but failed to attach an annual fee to the tag at that time. Due to the rising cost of training and other similar items that the association facilitates, the fee is necessary for the paid and volunteer firefighters that make up the KSFFA to continue to do good work in all our communities across the State. This potential fee change was approved by the KSFFA in 2016.

Their mentality is imposing this fee upon themselves so that they can continue to do the great work they do, keeping Kansans safe.

Mr. Chairman I will be available for questions at the appropriate time.

Thank You.