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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Chris Waggoner, Assistant Revisor
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Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2169

HB 2169 provides for the Proud Educator license plate.

HB 2169 provides that a vehicle owner may be issued a Proud Educator license plate for every vehicle or truck upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fees pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143. Additionally, the applicant for a license plate must pay either the county treasurer the logo use royalty fee established by the Kansas Educators Support Foundation or present a logo use authorization statement to the county treasurer that was provided to the applicant from the Kansas Educators Support Foundation upon payment to them of the same fee. The logo use royalty fee established by the Kansas Educators Support Foundation must be between \$25 and \$100 and is an annual fee.

These license plates, like all distinctive license plates unless exempted, are subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1,141. Under K.S.A. 8-1,141, distinctive license plates will not be issued until there is an initial issuance of 500 license plates and payment by the sponsoring organization of the initial design costs for the license plates up to \$20,000. Distinctive license plates are also subject to the personalized license plate fee prescribed in K.S.A. 8-132. The sponsoring organization must also provide a design for the license plate and provide an email address where people can inquire about the license plate.

All logo use royalty fees paid to county treasurers will be credited to the newly created Kansas Educators Support Foundation royalty fund. Payments from the Kansas Educators Support Foundation royalty fund shall be made on a monthly basis to the Kansas Independent College's Foundation unless another designee is made by the Kansas Educators Support Foundation.

HB 2169 would also change the distinctive license plate production requirements and require a sponsoring organization to guarantee an initial issuance of 250, down from an initial issuance of 500 plates under current law. The bill would also change the discontinuance requirements to 250 license plates in the first two years of sales and 125 license plates minimum issuance for any subsequent two-year period.