

Testimony in Support of HB2193 as Amended

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To the House Transportation Chairman Proehl, Vice Chair, Delperdang, Ranking Minority Member Helgeson and Committee members thank you for your time and listening to the very important testimonies. Often times we see fellow Kansans put into debt and experiencing a downward spiral from fees and jail time from driving on a suspended license. Many well intentioned people trying to make ends meet find themselves in a cycle of fines and additional charges on their record from merely going to work on a suspended license. This results in loss of income in the home, criminal records, strain on the court system and jails, health disparities, and many other community ills. Much of the research that we have access to today point in the direction of restorative justice. We have an opportunity to both enforce policy while providing opportunities to create equitable outcomes for all. I hope you all not only consider, but implement the proposed amendments to HB2193. Being punitive doesn't always end in changed behaviors, but outcomes that in fact harm our communities and economic health.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing legislation that takes a step in the direction of equity.

Regards,

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