

Decatur Road & Bridge

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:50 AM
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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Dave Flemming <cnroad@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: House Bill 2295

Good Afternoon: I would agree that doing away with the CDL requirement for our equipment operators is a good idea. Anything we can do to get and retain help at the county road departments make perfect sense to me.

Clair Schrock Thomas County Road Supervisor

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Subject: House Bill 2295

Good afternoon District 3 Highway Officials,

It's been brought to my attention that Representative Adam Smith is proposing to amend House Bill 2295 and create a new exception under KSA 8-2,127 to include....

(f) motor grader vehicles operated by an employee of a municipality, as defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto, if such employee is operating the motor grader vehicle within the boundaries of such municipality.

Because the law states that motor grader operators need to have a CDL license, this proposal would exempt employees within the county from having it. I think this would be a good move as it is difficult to find young employees that have a CDL to apply for county jobs that are quite capable of operating county equipment. This will also eliminate the requirement of drug testing, fees, and Clearinghouse requirements that Counties are currently contending with. The majority of the operators in our county were grandfathered in with the CDL's but when we advertise for help, we state that CDL's are required therefore deterring a lot of potential employees. Representative Smith would like testimonials or the capability of doing a virtual meeting before Wednesday, February 17th.

I would encourage you to meet with your commissioners on this House Bil revision as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks, Dave Flemming, Cheyenne Conty Public Works Director