



## **DOUGLAS COUNTY TREASURER**

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### **Testimony in support of:**

### **House Bill 2567: Changing certain registration and title fees on vehicles and deposition of funds**

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Dear Sen. Peterson, Rep. Proehl, and distinguished members of the Senate and House of Transportation Committees,

More than eighty years ago the Kansas Legislature entered into an agreement with Kansas County Treasurers to provide vehicle support and services as agents of the state. A fee-per-transaction fund was created to provide financial support for Treasurers' efforts and expenses.

Since the creation of the special fund the Treasurers have been awarded small, meniscal increases that have not been sustainable for all Counties and have not covered expenses of providing vehicle support. As a result, Treasurers have been forced to either reduce their services or ask for property tax increases to cover expenses.

HB 2567 is introduced to you as transparent solution to this state-wide problem. This proposal is a collaboration of ideas by Leadership from the House and Senate Transportation Committees, the Kansas Department of Revenue, and the Kansas County Treasurers Association. This bill offers a simplified, flat-fee structure that would create greater transparency for customers. HB 2567 will provide County Treasurer's with revenues for operations without increasing State or County taxes. This proposal will not impact State revenues.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 2567 and the sufficient funding of a state and county partnership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam T. Rains  
Douglas County Treasurer