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Oral Proponent Testimony – SB68

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of SB68. This bill would enable to Kansas State Firefighters Association (KSFFA) to establish a small fee that would be assessed when an individual purchases or renews the Kansas Firefighter Distinctive License Plate. The money generated from this fee would assist the KSFFA its training exercises and efforts that are offered to the over 16,000 career and volunteer firefighters that are a member of the association.

In 2004, the KSFFA Executive Board first agreed to peruse creating a distinctive plate and were successful in doing so. At that time, they chose not to establish a fee. In 2016, the KSFFA membership agreed to attempt to implement a fee on the plate that they started over a decade ago, to help support their Firefighter Training Fund. Tag fees are not unique in Kansas. The vast majority of distinctive license plates have a similar fee, and most are much higher in cost than the \$10 fee which is called for in SB68.

In summary, SB68 will allow the KSFFA to implement a fee, just like numerous other associations across the state. The money generated from this fee will be used to continue to ensure that our firefighters are given the support and training they deserve. I thank you for your consideration, and respectfully ask you support SB68.