

The majority of states have laws restricting handheld use by drivers under the age of 18. The bill does not supersede a local government that has more stringent laws, but it will create a minimum threshold across the state.

AAA Kansas is joined by many stakeholders that worked together to find a pragmatic approach to address distracted driving. HB 2499 does not restrict the use of emerging vehicle technology and it provides for exemptions for making emergency calls.

We respectfully urge your support of the bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak on this matter and I am happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.

Respectfully,

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