

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on March 9, 2011, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative James Fawcett, excused
Representative Bob Montgomery
Representative Bill Wolf

Committee staff present:

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Joe Grisolano, Crawford County Treasurer, President, KS County Treasurers Ass'n.
Mark E. Schemm, Smith County Treasurer

Others attending.

See attached list.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the meeting and the hearing on **SB 120**.

SB 120 – Vessel titling act

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Joe Grisolano as the first proponent. (Attachment #1) According to Mr. Grisolano, this bill requires a certificate of title to be issued on all watercraft in Kansas. He said requiring titles will make it easier for banks to perfect a lien, for Kansas Wildlife and Parks to keep an inventory of watercraft and will benefit law enforcement in tracking stolen boats.

The second proponent recognized was Mark Schemm. (Attachment #2) Mr. Schemm said many people come into the County Treasurers' Offices requesting a title for their watercraft and are surprised when told that Kansas does not title watercraft. According to Mr. Schemm many times lien holders are requiring that they title their watercraft so that the lien can be perfected on a Kansas title. He said passing **SB 120** will generate additional revenue for KS Department of Wildlife and Parks and the State of Kansas through titling fees.

There were no other proponents and no opponents. After all questions from the Committee had been answered, the hearing on **SB 120** was closed.

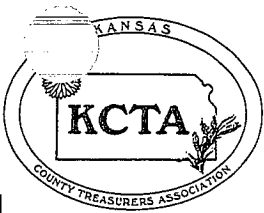
Without objection from the Committee, Chairman Hayzlett moved a Resolution concerning a federal freeze on more productive trucks and allow Kansas to determine the appropriate vehicle size and weight limits necessary to the economic needs of the state, favorable for passage. The motion was seconded by Representative Prescott and the motion passed.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

DATE: 3-9-11

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KANSAS COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

March 9, 2011

TO: Kansas House Transportation Committee

FROM: Joe Grisolano, Crawford County Treasurer
President, Kansas County Treasurers Association

SUBJECT: SB 120

Chairman Hayzlett and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, I am here today to speak in favor of SB 120. This bill requires a certificate of title to be issued on all watercraft or "vessels" in Kansas.

Currently, when a boat owner comes into a County Treasurer's Office requesting a title, we have to inform them that Kansas is not a titling state. Most boat owners would like to have a title for their vessel, especially if they are going to be moving it to another state. If the boat was purchased from an out of state dealer, the county treasurer collects sales tax, gives the owner a receipt and the owner goes to a Kansas dealer to get the Wildlife and Parks registration numbers.

Approximately 38 states already require a certificate of title on watercraft. Requiring titles will make it easier for Kansas Banks to perfect a lien, for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to keep a current inventory of all Kansas watercraft, and benefit law enforcement in tracking stolen boats.

SB 120 will generate additional revenue for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the State of Kansas through titling fees.

Administration of SB 120 should be relatively easy, especially with the new DMVS software system coming on line in July of this year. This legislation will be beneficial to boat owners, Kansas Bankers, Wildlife and Parks, and the State of Kansas. Thank you for your consideration of this bill and for allowing me to address you today.

House Transportation
Date: 3-9-11
Attachment # 1

KANSAS COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

JOE GRISOLANO
CRAWFORD COUNTY TREASURER
PRESIDENT

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY MARK E. SCHEMM,
SMITH COUNTY TREASURER,
2010 PRESIDENT, KANSAS COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTING SB120
BY HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Peck and members of this committee, my name is Mark Schemm, Smith County Treasurer and 2010 President of the Kansas County Treasurers' Association and member of the associations' Legislative Committee. I appreciate the opportunity you've given me to testify on behalf of Kansas County Treasurers in support of Senate Bill 120. The bill if passed would require a Kansas certificate of Title to be issued on all watercraft vessels owned by Kansas residents that are required to be registered by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Many times customers come into County Treasurers Office across the state requesting a title for their watercraft and are surprised when they are told that Kansas does not title watercrafts. Often times their lien holders are requiring that they title their watercraft so that the lien can be perfected on a Kansas title.

Most states title watercraft causing a new Kansas resident to require a Kansas title in order to keep a lien holder happy.

Passing SB 120 will generate additional revenue for Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the State of Kansas through titling fees. I would like to stress at this point that SB 120 is a fee bill and not a tax increase. Watercraft in Kansas are already taxed as personal property.

Passing SB 120 will also benefit the public in the form of consumer safety by having a VIN number on file with the state of Kansas in the event that the watercraft is stolen. Also lien holders will be able to secure their loans on watercraft with a title rather than filing a UCC.

Titling watercraft will be easily accepted in the DMVS system due to come online next year.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 120 will benefit the boating public across the state, lien holders, Kansas Wildlife and Parks and Law enforcement agencies across the nation with minimum expense to the boating public.

At this time I will stand for questions or comments from the committee.