

House Bill 2004

OPPOSED

Dear House Transportation Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Please vote NO on HB 2004

I am opposed to this bill. We who drive electric vehicles already had an additional tax put on our vehicles when we do our registration that was put in place in 2020. EVs already pay \$100 more each year to fulfill this “road repair tax”. There is no need to impose further taxes as you have done this already.

Please consider that EV drivers are also tourists. EVs can go hundreds of miles before charging but now there may be no reason for these tourists to visit Kansas once they learn about this. All the charging apps that are used to find chargers will show this extra tax when they plan their trips and they will choose not to come and spend their money in Kansas.

No one will come to see all our natural wonders when they drive an EV. No Jerusalem Badlands. No Garden of Eden. No Largest Ball of Twine. No Big Brutus. And many more. There is so much to see in Kansas and these drivers will choose not to come because you are charging them much more than they pay in other states.

Since the State of Kansas has not increased the gasoline tax for almost 20 years, and I am certain the costs of road repair have risen, wouldn't it be fair to impose this tax on everyone, not just electric vehicles?

Do not double our fees to drive electric in Kansas. You already have put large fees on EVs and even hybrids 3 years ago. I am sure you can see that this is unfair to do this a second time. Do one or the other. It is unethical to do both.

Don't do it, please. We need all the tourism we can muster in Kansas!

Please vote NO on HB 2004.

Sincerely, Lori Lawrence

Kansas Statute 8-143 C iii. and iv. detail the existing charges on Electric Vehicles and Electric Hybrids. Link below. Please review.

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2023_24/statute/008_000_0000_chapter/008_001_0000_article/008_001_0043_section/008_001_0043_k/