

To: House Transportation Committee

From: Wendi Stark, Legislative Liaison

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RE: Proponent Testimony to HB 2121

Thank you to Chairman Francis and Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 2121.

Each city in Kansas is unique, and their responsibilities are varied; so too are their transportation systems and needs. One thing all cities share is the need for a consistent and dependable transportation infrastructure.

The intent of HB 2121 is to supplement losses in revenue from the motor vehicle fuels tax, by capturing additional revenue from electric vehicle (EV) license fees. We support efforts to fund road construction and repairs on Kansas roads.

We support that all fees collected shall be deposited in entirety into the state highway fund. Currently, the distribution of vehicle fuel taxes is split between the state (66.37%) and the special city and county highway fund (33.63%) in K.S.A. 79-34,142. The League has no position on whether the legislature should increase the registration fee, but if the legislature does decide to increase the fee, we support any additional funds being deposited into the state highway fund. As such, our members have directed us, through our Statement of Municipal Policy:

Any fees or taxes imposed on charging stations [or EV fees collected] remitted to the state should be put into the Special Highway Fund, not the general fund. The state should study the impacts of assessing a tax or fee on users of EV charging stations, to offset declines in motor vehicle gas taxes.

We appreciate the efforts of the House Transportation Committee and Legislature to support transportation infrastructure funding. The League of Kansas Municipalities supports HB 2121 and asks this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.