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To: House Transportation Committee
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RE: HB 2122

Thank you, Chairman Francis and Committee members, for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 2122.

HB 2122 was requested by the Division of Vehicles, and it would align quarterly truck payment statutes for intrastate and interstate motor carriers. This change would provide greater clarity and consistency in statute for vehicle owners who qualify for quarterly payment of annual registration fees.

Currently, intrastate vehicles that have commercial vehicle tags have a quarterly payment base of \$100 where interstate vehicles have a quarterly payment base of \$300. In each situation registration fees for Kansas are based on 8-143(a) and the commercial vehicle fee is based on 8-143(m). In addition, if an owner is more than 10 days late on a quarterly payment, they must pay the entire remaining balance of the annual registration fee plus a 10% penalty. Additionally, they may lose the privilege of making quarterly payments on any vehicle registrations in the future. The bill continues to allow registration fees to transfer when trucks are traded. Special provisions remain in place for vehicles repossessed due to unpaid fees, allowing new owners to obtain titles by paying a quarter of the annual registration fee plus standard title fees.

This legislation maintains strict enforcement mechanisms for collecting unpaid fees. Unpaid fees and penalties constitute a debt to the state and create a first-priority lien on the truck and all other property owned by the delinquent party within Kansas. County treasurers must file lien notices when payments are delinquent, and the state can seize and sell property to satisfy these liens. The Division of Vehicles can enlist the help of the state highway patrol and other peace officers to enforce these provisions.

Thank you, Chairman, and Committee members, for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 2122.

We will stand for questions at the appropriate time.