

**NEUTRAL TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGARDING SENATE BILL 119
RELATING TO INCREASING FEES RETAINED BY THE COUNTY TREASURERS**

February 11, 2025

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is providing neutral testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 119. This bill provides for an increased amount of the annual vehicle registration fees and all certificate of title fees to be retained by the county treasurers. It would direct \$5.75 for each vehicle registration fee and \$3.50 of every certificate of title fee collected be deposited to a special fund which is appropriated for the use of the county treasurer to pay for expenses incidental to the administration of the duties prescribed in law. The language changes proposed in this bill would amount to approximately a \$16 million reduction in revenue to the State Highway Fund (SHF) annually.

Current law (K.S.A. 8-145) provides that \$.75 per vehicle registration be deposited to a special fund for the county treasurer to pay for expenses incidental to the administration of the duties prescribed in law.

Registration fees under K.S.A 8-143:

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| • Motorized bicycles | \$11 |
| • Motorcycles | \$16 |
| • Vehicles less than 4,500 pounds | \$30 |
| • Vehicles greater than 4,500 pounds | \$40 |
| • Hybrid vehicles | \$50 |
| • Electric vehicles | \$100 |

Current law (K.S.A. 8-145) also provides for \$2 of every certificate of title fee collected be deposited to the aforementioned special fund for county treasurers. The remaining portion of revenues collected for vehicle registration goes to the SHF. The remaining portion of the certificate of title fees is split into three different funds: one in the Department of Revenue (\$3.00), one in the Kansas Highway Patrol (\$3.50), and the remainder to the SHF (\$1.50).

Certificate of Title Fees under K.S.A. 8-170:

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| • Certificate of title | \$10 |
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KDOT recognizes that there is a cost to collect these revenues, although the agency does not have awareness of the current costs or how they are being covered. KDOT is willing to work with stakeholders to find an amenable solution to the identified revenue concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral testimony on SB 119.