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To: Chairman Petersen, Senate Transportation Committee
From: Zach Denney, Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Department of Revenue.
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RE: HB 2289

Thank you, Chairman, and Committee members, for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 2289.

This bill was requested by the Division of Vehicles (DOV), and we consider this bill a cleanup for personalized license plates and decals for all license plates. Since DOV began digitally printing license plates, several processes outlined in K.S.A. 8-132 are no longer relevant and this bill removes those processes. Additionally, the Division no longer issues two personalized license plates with the same text on the same vehicle registration, so this bill amends statute to reflect DOV policy.

Section 2(e) and section 3(c) of the bill removes the requirement that registration decals carry a county designation of the county that issued the registration. This does not remove the requirement that license plates include a county designation. It only removes the requirement that the county designation be placed on the colored registration decal. This change is because county designations are now digitally printed on the license plate. This change also updates the statute to reflect current best practices that the registration decal is printed on demand at the time the registration is issued.

DOV no longer issues two personalized license plates for two reasons. First, many vehicle owners do not have front plate brackets and Kansas does not require a front license plate. Second, issuing two personalized plates with the same text for one vehicle created issues for law enforcement where the second personalized plate was being used on a second vehicle illegally.

Finally, this bill removes the requirement that personalized plate applications be made 60 before a vehicle's registration renewal date. This is no longer necessary digitally printed license plates can be issued much more quickly.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you and the committee.