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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 2169

Thank you, Chairman, and Committee members, for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony for HB 2169.

HB 2169 was requested by the Division of Vehicles and would change the definition and documentation requirements for issuing a veteran license plate to match changes in 2024 HB 2760. Additionally, this bill would change the conditions for the release from the military to match documentation requirements from K.S.A. 8-243(e). This proposal will make it so the requirements for getting the "*veteran*" designator on a driver's license and getting a military license plate are the same. Finally, the bill would remove the requirement for veterans to submit an application for a military license plate 60 days prior to their registration renewal. This provision is no longer required for license plates since license plates are now digitally printed.

We consider this a cleanup. This change would make it simpler for veterans who wish to obtain a military license plate since the definition and documentation requirements would be standard across statute. When the definition of veteran was changed in 2024 HB 2760 the definition and document requirements were not updated in the military license plate statues. This bill will update those definitions.

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

I stand for questions.