

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2585

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2585, as amended, would authorize issuance of a Delta Waterfowl distinctive license plate on and after January 1, 2027, for use on a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

The bill would establish procedures for a vehicle owner or lessee to obtain the license plate and the responsibilities of Delta Waterfowl with regard to this license plate. The bill would allow Delta Waterfowl to set the royalty for use of its logo for each license plate at an amount not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, to be paid at initial issuance and renewal.

The bill would authorize the Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), to transfer a Delta Waterfowl license plate from a leased vehicle to a purchased vehicle.

The bill would direct the collection and remittance of all logo use royalty payments pursuant to continuing law. Royalty moneys would be paid to the Delta Waterfowl Foundation.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representative W. Carpenter.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <https://klrd.gov/>

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, two representatives of Delta Waterfowl provided **proponent** testimony. They described the work of Delta Waterfowl in waterfowl habitat management and conservation, waterfowl research, and encouraging responsible hunting of waterfowl. They also provided information on its membership in Kansas and nationally.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to direct payments from the royalty fund to the Delta Waterfowl Foundation.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, KDOR estimates the bill would increase its expenditures by \$2,750 in FY 2027 for administrative costs related to designing and manufacturing the new license plate, which would be offset by revenue to the Distinctive License Plate Fund from the sponsoring organization to defray costs for developing the license plate. The bill also could decrease revenues to the State Highway Fund by \$4,000 in FY 2027 if fewer than 100 paid orders were received. [*Note: Continuing law requires a sponsoring organization to submit to the Division of Vehicles a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$5,000 to defray costs for developing a new license plate and prohibits the Director of Vehicles from issuing a new distinctive license plate unless there is a guarantee of an initial issuance of at least 250 license plates.*] Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

Delta Waterfowl; license plate