

SESSION OF 2017

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2148

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

HB 2148, as amended, would authorize two new specialized license plates as of January 1, 2018, to be available to any owner or lessee of one or more passenger vehicles or trucks registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

Autism Awareness

The bill would authorize an autism awareness license plate. The bill would allow any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the organization Autism Hope for Families, Inc. Royalties would be deposited into the Autism Awareness Royalty Fund, which the bill would create. Payments from the Autism Awareness Royalty Fund would be made on a monthly basis to the appropriate designee of the Autism Hope for Families, Inc.

4-H Foundation

The bill would authorize a 4-H Foundation license plate. The bill would allow any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate after paying annual vehicle registration fees and a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Inc. Royalties would be deposited into the Kansas 4-H Foundation Royalty Fund, which the bill would

*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 <http://www.kslegislature.org>

create. Payments from the 4-H Foundation Royalty Fund would be made on a monthly basis to the appropriate designee of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Background

HB 2148

Representative Carlin requested the bill and spoke as a proponent in the House Committee on Transportation hearing. Also testifying as a proponent was a representative of Autism Hope for Families, Inc. Written-only testimony was received from a board-certified behavior analyst. According to testimony, the organization seeks to increase awareness of autism and access to specialized services for children with autism and their families, especially in underserved portions of the state. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to add the contents of HB 2281.

HB 2281

The bill was requested by Representative Rahjes, who testified as a proponent in the House Committee on Transportation hearing. Also testifying as a proponent was a member of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The proponents described the work of 4-H and the ways in which the organization educates youth. No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Effects

According to the fiscal notes prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bills, the Department of Revenue (Department) indicates the new license plates would be subject to license plate fees and could generate \$100,000

each in revenue to be deposited into the State Highway Fund. Costs for the autism awareness license plate were estimated at a total of \$15,981: \$500 for titles and registration, \$650 for system design, \$2,081 for testing, and \$12,750 for production of 2,500 plates for passenger vehicles. Costs for the 4-H Foundation license plate were estimated at a total of \$17,034: \$600 for titles and registration, \$572 for system design, \$2,882 for testing, and \$12,750 for production of 2,500 plates for passenger vehicles.

Under continuing law, a sponsoring organization must submit a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$20,000 to the Division of Vehicles to defray costs for developing a distinctive license plate. The Department further indicates revenues and expenditures would be one-time events, and it is not possible to predict when these events would occur because production of either type of plate cannot begin until the Department has a list of 500 initial customers. Any fiscal effect associated with the bills is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.