

Before the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Opposition Testimony
On House Bill 2289

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On Behalf of

The Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission

Chair Barker, Vice Chair Awerkamp, Ranking Minority Member Ruiz, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to your Committee today on behalf of the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission).

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) is opposed to House Bill 2289 (HB 2289). Staff opposes HB 2289 because it is not a complete review of the Commissions statutes that apply to the private or public motor carriers of property, household goods or passengers. Over the past 12 months staff has met with the Kansas Motor Carriers Association (KMCA) to update the applicable Administrative Regulations for the private and public motor carriers. We have also scheduled stakeholder meetings for this summer to perform an extensive review of our Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.). We anticipate presenting proposed legislation in 2020.

It is our understanding, HB 2289 is based on concerns related to the length of time involved in granting the Commissions Operating Authority and the number of application's dismissed each year. The Transportation Divisions operating authority is a simple four-step process, it requires the applicant to electronically fill out the appropriate application (less than 10 minutes), have their agent submit liability insurance, attend a Commission sponsored safety seminar and then the application is granted during a Commission Business Meeting. Since June 1, 2016, the Commission has not dismissed a Public Service or a Convenience and Necessity Application.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our perspective on the proposed bill and the opportunity to appear before your committee.