

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2221
RELATING TO DESIGNATING US-77 BRIDGE AS THE
SGT KEVIN GILBERTSON VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

February 18, 2019

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is providing written testimony in support of House Bill 2221 relating to Designating a bridge on United States highway 77 in Cowley county as the SGT Kevin Gilbertson veterans memorial bridge.

KDOT is in support of HB 2221 with a small technical change. Under the requirements of the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), required to be followed by KDOT under K.S.A. 8-2003 through 8-2005, the word "Veterans" is not permitted. In order to maintain compliance with the MUTCD guidelines, KDOT requests that an amendment is offered that removes the title "Veterans" from the bill.

KDOT stands in support of HB 2221 with the technical change removing the word Veterans from the title. We would request that the sign read, "SGT Kevin Gilbertson Memorial Bridge", and have attached a draft of what the sign would look like with the technical amendment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support House Bill 2221.