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**Testimony in Support of SB 143 to the House Transportation Committee
March 2, 2023**

Chairman Francis, Vice Chair Neelly, Ranking Member Ballard, and members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office is grateful for the hearing today.

This bill came at the request of our road deputies who perform patrol duties as well as traffic enforcement duties.

There has been a change in technology for ground effects lighting for vehicles. The use of neon tube lighting is not as prevalent as it was in the past. Today's motor vehicle lighting kits are usually some form of LED lighting and not the neon tube lighting.

KSA 8-1723 specifically identifies the use of neon tube lighting and prohibits red neon lights on a motor vehicle. As written, our deputies are reticent to write a traffic citation for motorists who have non-neon ground effect lighting.

Red lights are not permitted to prevent driver confusion with emergency vehicles. Some states also include blue lights for the same reason.

Our requested changes, in lines 29, 31, and 32 simply removes the reference to neon tubes and as well as the definition of Neon Ground Effect Lighting and makes it clear that any lights placed as ground effect lights on a motor vehicle must follow the current statute guidelines.

This bill was placed on the Senate Consent Calendar and passed the Senate by a vote of 38-0. Two senators were absent.

We would appreciate the committee recommending the bill favorable for passage.

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