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HB 2523 Proponent Testimony to the House Transportation Committee
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Chairman Francis and members of the House Transportation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB2523, a bill intended to provide consistency in the driving privileges between farm permit (KSA 8-2,96) and restricted permit (KSA 8-2,101) driver's licenses regarding driving to and from religious activities between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

In 2022, the House passed HB2609 by a margin of 95-27 to allow the new privilege of driving to and from religious activities. That bill was then included in the Conference Committee Report in SB446 and signed into law by the governor on April 18, 2022.

In rural areas, many of the new teen drivers apply for farm permits under section 96, but the new privilege was only included in section 101. This creates an inconsistency in the permitted activities and can be confusing for our young drivers. I believe that was merely an oversight of the legislature at the time, since all other driving privileges to and from employment, farm-related work, and school are consistent.

I believe it is important to provide our parents and young drivers consistency in our statutes so they can easily understand what is permitted and what is not. I would appreciate your support.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration,

Sincerely,

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