

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**SENATE BILL 90**

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Johnson County Treasurer

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Johnson County and the Kansas County Treasurers Association on Senate Bill 90.

Johnson County supports SB 90. Currently, local County governments are subsidizing the titling and registration of motor vehicles, a state mandated service, with local property tax. Johnson County government has provided on average over \$800,000 of general fund support annually over the last ten years to the motor vehicle operation. SB 90 offers much needed fee revenue at the local level to support providing these services. This bill provides property tax relief by decreasing reliance on ad valorem property tax support for these services.

SB 90 also reduces the overall cost of service to our customers. With the changes proposed in SB 90, our customers will experience a net average fee decrease of \$2.36 per transaction. The bill also simplifies the revenue model by eliminating over 12 fees at the local level, including the County Facility fee, and removing the \$4 DMV Modernization fee.

In summary, SB 90 enhances revenue at the local level, reduces overall fees paid by the customer, simplifies the fee structure paid by the customer, provides property tax relief, and allows for more local control of a state mandated service.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 90. We respectfully request you pass this bill out of committee for further consideration by the Senate.