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House Transportation Committee
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HB 2148

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony

Chairman Francis and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2148, which would make changes to the vehicle registration fees charged for registering vehicles in Kansas.

HB 2148 will, on average, save Kansas taxpayers money. HB 2148 will also help county governments become more efficient by allowing the vehicle registration function to become more cost efficient locally. Finally, HB 2148 will simplify vehicle registration for Kansas taxpayers, increasing overall transparency.

Taxpayer Savings – HB 2148 repeals, reduces or eliminates several fees – a reduction of up to \$11.75 in total fees. These fees include the facility fee (eliminates up to \$5), the vehicle title fee (reduced by \$2), the registration fee (reduced by \$0.75) and the DMV modernization surcharge (eliminates this \$4 fee). It is estimated these eliminations and reductions will result in an average decrease of \$2.36 to the taxpayer’s bill.

Local Efficiency – HB 2148 adjusts the county service fee from \$5 to \$10. This helps pay the cost of the vehicle registration function, a state service, without impacting the county general fund. With county general fund money no longer required to supplement this function, the burden on local property taxes decreases.

Simplicity – HB 2148 makes vehicle registration bills easier to understand for the taxpayer. Rather than have a multitude of small fees allocated to different functions and services, this bill makes it clear that the county will receive \$10, with the remaining amounts going to the other entities as specified. This makes the vehicle registration process easier to understand for Kansas taxpayers.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its members support the passage of HB 2148, and urge your support as well. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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