



KANSAS COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

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TO: Kansas House Transportation Committee

FROM: Joe Grisolano, Crawford County Treasurer
President, Kansas County Officials Association

SUBJECT: HB 2431

Chairman Hayzlett and Committee members:

Thank you for allowing me to speak today. I am here on behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association to speak in favor of HB 2431. This bill would allow County Treasurers to collect the donation taxpayers make to Universities' alumni associations in order to purchase an educational institution license plate.

Under current law, someone purchasing an educational institution license plate must first make a payment to the alumni association of the University of their choice in order to receive a voucher that they then must bring to the County Treasurer to purchase a plate. Many times we have customers ask about purchasing an educational plate and upon learning they must first contact the university and then return, they choose to just purchase a regular plate instead of going through the process.

County Treasurers are pleased to be able to offer this service to the universities and the motoring public of Kansas. HB 2431 will allow the Treasurer to remit the donation dollars to the alumni associations and sell the educational plate in one location. We believe this legislation will increase the number of specialty plates sold. Administration of HB 2431 should be relatively easy, especially with the new DMVS software system that will be coming on line soon. We look at this bill as a positive step for everyone involved in this process. Thank you for your consideration of this bill and allowing me to address you today. I would be happy to answer questions at this time.