

“Flying Cars”: Defining Lightweight Roadable Vehicles

House Sub. for SB 213 defines a “lightweight roadable vehicle” as a vehicle that may be driven on public roadways and also is required to be registered with, and flown under the direction of, the Federal Aviation Administration. The bill excludes this type of vehicle from the definition of “aircraft” in the statute (KSA 2010 Supp. 79-201k) that exempts business aircraft from property taxes.

(According to testimony, the vehicle, known as the “Transition,” will meet National Highway Traffic Safety Administration safety standards for highway vehicles, and it also will qualify as a light sport aircraft that must be registered with the Federal Aviation Administration. The vehicles were expected to be delivered to the first buyers late in 2011 or early in 2012.)