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TESTIMONY BEFORE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2060  
RELATED TO INCREASING REGISTRATION FEES ON ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES

January 26, 2017

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

That Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is providing written testimony to state that our position is neutral on House Bill 2060 regarding registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles.

The motor fuels tax is one of transportation's primary funding mechanisms. The motor fuels tax is a per-gallon excise tax levied on gasoline, diesel, and other special funds. As vehicles become more efficient and hybrid and electric vehicles are being added to the fleet, and transportation revenue through the motor fuels tax is declining. The motor fuels tax is, in essence, a user fee for those who benefit from traveling on our road system. Providing a road system that serves electric and hybrid vehicles comes at the same cost as providing one that serves conventional vehicles.

HB 2060 charges an annual license fee for hybrid and electric vehicles. This bill does provide a new funding mechanism to capture a user fee for electric and hybrid vehicles that use KDOT's transportation network.