

COMMITTEE TESTIMONY - House Committee on Transportation

BILL #: HB 2076

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To: Kansas House Committee on Transportation

Re: Support for HB 2076

From: Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA), Brandon Beck, President
Date: February 7, 2017

The Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) is the professional association representing the paramedics, EMTs and ambulance services serving the citizens of Kansas. KEMSA works on various regulatory and legislative matters as well as conferences and educational programs.

KEMSA supports the concept of providing additional training for high school students regarding seatbelt use. Many EMS personnel around the state participate in these programs, and we support the idea of additional funding to increase the volume of these programs. While KEMSA would prefer that the funding methodology better protect the funding mechanism for the EMS Grant program, KEMSA has decided to support HB 2076.

KEMSA leadership engaged with leaders from the Kansas Sheriffs' Association and have discussed the importance of the Seatbelt program. Therefore, KEMSA has decided that, on balance, the effort to save Kansas teenagers from death on our highways outweighs our funding concerns.

KEMSA supports the passage of HB 2076 and is ready to work to provide this training to our local high school students.

Sincerely,

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