



Written Testimony in Support of HB2775

To: House Transportation Committee
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Chairman Proehl and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the more than 800 business members of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce who have long maintained that an excellent system of highways and other transportation infrastructure and systems as crucial for job creation, economic development, and business retention and expansion throughout Kansas.

T-WORKS, the current statewide transportation program is set to expire in 2020, it is critical that the legislature begin its review and analysis of that programs accomplishments and the work that remains as well as the anticipated needs in the years beyond T-WORKS. Thus, the Chamber strongly supports the creation of a joint legislative task force to start the process for the next comprehensive transportation program to meet the needs of Kansas. While the Chamber prefers the greater specificity in SB285 providing those organizations from which members to be appointed to the task force are to be selected, in the alternative, we would also support HB2775 in recognition of the importance of the process. We respectfully urge your support as well.

Thank you for your consideration.