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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Estes and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: April 2, 2018
RE: House Bill 2398

HB 2398 would amend the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways concerning the powers of local authorities for traffic-control devices and signage.

Under the bill, all counties operating under the county-township system would be responsible for maintaining county roads and for placing and maintaining traffic-control devices. The county would be responsible for signage related to county culverts and county bridges on township roads and construction signage related to county projects on township roads. A township board would be responsible for maintaining the local township roads and for placing and maintaining traffic-control devices on township roads not under the control of the board of county commissioners. The bill would require regulatory signs on township roads under the township board's control to be consistent with resolutions of the board of county commissioners of the county where the road is located. Under current law, these provisions apply only to townships located in Douglas, Johnson, Riley, Sedgwick, or Shawnee county.

Current law requires township boards in all counties not operating under the county road-unit system to be responsible for all township roads and culverts and the board of county commissioners to procure machinery, implements, tools, and materials required for the construction or repair of such roads and culverts.

The bill would clarify that township boards in counties operating under the county-township system (as opposed to those not operating under the county road unit system, as in current law) would be responsible for providing such machinery, tools, and materials. The township board also would be required to place and maintain all traffic-control devices for township roads.