

Testimony to the House Appropriation Committee  
In Support of HB2369  
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Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force  
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Chairman Waymaster and Committee Members,

According to a November 2016 report from the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials titled "Transportation Governance and Finance: A 50-State Review of State Legislatures and Departments of Transportation," there were 26 states in addition to Kansas who use tolling as part of their mix of transportation funding:

Following are examples of laws from some of those states showing many of them do not require tolled lanes, highways, or bridges to be entirely self-sustaining from tolls:

Alaska, § 19.75.291: the state may make appropriations for or aid in operation of the Knik Arm bridge and its appurtenant facilities;

California, high-occupancy traffic (HOT) lanes: West's Ann.Cal.Str. & H.Code § 149: To the extent they are available, the department may apply for and use federal aid funds appropriated for the design, construction, and use of such exclusive or preferential lanes, but may also use other State Highway Account funds, including other federal aid funds, for those purposes where proper and desirable.

Georgia, tolled facilities: Ga. Code Ann., § 32-10-64: (a)(1) For the purpose of earning sufficient revenue to make possible, in conjunction with other funds available to the authority, the financing of the construction or acquisition of projects of the authority with revenue bonds, the authority is authorized and empowered to collect tolls on each and every project which it, the department, or local governing authority shall cause to be constructed.

South Carolina, Code 1976 § 12-28-2920: The department shall review projects for the possibility of constructing toll roads to defray the cost of these projects pursuant to the authority granted the department in Section 57-5-1330. No project may be funded by means of imposing a toll on the users of the project unless in conjunction with federal funds authorized for use on toll roads it is determined to be substantially feasible by the department. . . .

[NOTE: This list is not exhaustive, but it does reflect.]

