



TESTIMONY OF ECONOMIC LIFELINES REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2371

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Taxation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding House Bill 2371.

I am Ed DeSoignie with Economic Lifelines.

Just a few brief comments on House Bill 2371.

We note the Budget Director's fiscal note regarding the impact on KDOT. The fiscal note states that, "...KDOT estimates HB 2371 would decrease revenues to the State Highway Fund by approximately \$1.4 million. KDOT notes that because the bill sunsets the current schedule of fees prior to January 1, 2020, but would not implement the new fees until July 1, 2020, there would be a six-month period in FY 2020 in which no fees would be in effect. KDOT estimates the bill would increase revenues to the State Highway Fund by approximately \$2.7 million annually beginning in Fiscal 2021. Also however, that KDOT estimates these expenditures could be handled within existing resources."

With the budget situation at KDOT in a condition that we have not seen for some years, at the risk of being accused of being nitty picky, we would ask the legislation be amended to implement the new fees upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Thank you. I am available to answer your questions.