

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**REGARDING SENATE BILL 136
RELATING TO DESIGNATING US-77 BRIDGE AS THE
SGT KEVIN GILBERTSON VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

February 21, 2019

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is providing written testimony in support of Senate Bill 136 relating to Designating a bridge on United States highway 77 in Cowley county as the SGT Kevin Gilbertson veterans memorial bridge.

KDOT is in support of SB 136 with a small technical change. Under the requirements of the federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), required to be followed by KDOT under K.S.A. 8-2003 through 8-2005, the word "Veteran" is not permitted.

KDOT stands in support of SB 136 with the technical change removing the word Veteran from the title. By designating the bridge, the "SGT Kevin Gilbertson Veteran Memorial Bridge". In order to maintain compliance with the MUTCD guidelines, KDOT requests that an amendment is offered that removes the title "Veteran" from the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support SB 136.