



Testimony in Support of HB2145

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My name is John Federico and I appear in support of HB2145, the electric vehicle charging station bill.

HB 2145 clarifies that the term “public utility” does not apply to electric vehicle charging stations. HB 2145 will enable businesses such as traditional fueling stations, workplaces, retail stores, and other businesses to offer electric vehicle charging stations in a manner that fosters competition and innovation.

HB 2145 is a narrow but necessary first step to set up a competitive marketplace for electric vehicle charging stations. 35 states have made similar determinations that electric vehicle charging stations are not public utilities.

Supporters of HB 2145 include; Fuel True (formerly the Kansas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, US Department of Defense, EV Charging Providers such as ChargePoint, the Kansas Corporation Commission, and Evergy.

FAQ

- What else does HB 2145 do?
 - Nothing, the bill is narrowly crafted to allow additional competition for electric vehicle charging stations. Making it easier for convenience stores, truck stops, and other businesses to offer electric vehicle charging.
- Are electric vehicles paying their fair share for road use charges?
 - Yes. In 2019 the Kansas legislature passed HB 2214 adding an additional registration fee for hybrid electric and full electric vehicles. The additional fee for full electric vehicles is \$100/year and for hybrid electric vehicles it is \$50.
- What about drivers from out of state who might charge in Kansas?
 - Electric vehicle drivers represent a less than 2% of vehicles sales today and an even smaller number of interstate travelers. Simply put additional bureaucracy to capture only a small amount of revenue from out of state drivers would not be cost effective at this time.
 - What are other states doing? (info from National Conference of State Legislators)
 - 28 states, like Kansas, have additional fees that EV drivers pay.
 - 10 states are exploring other methods of collecting revenue such as milage based fees. Those pilots are ongoing and could provide guidance for Kansas in future legislative sessions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and I am happy to answer any questions.