



DOUGLAS COUNTY TREASURER

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Testimony in support of:

House Bill 2567: Changing certain registration and title fees on vehicles and deposition of funds

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Dear Chairman Billinger and the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

More than eighty years ago the Kansas Legislature entered into an agreement with Kansas County Treasurers to provide vehicle support and services as agents of the state. A fee-per-transaction fund was created to provide financial support for Treasurers' efforts and expenses.

Since the creation of the special fund the Treasurers have been awarded small, meniscal increases that have not been sustainable for all Counties and have not covered expenses of providing vehicle support. As a result, Treasurers have been forced to either reduce their services or ask for property tax increases to cover expenses. This bill creates a unique opportunity to help reduce property taxes by providing an adequate fee structure, while eliminating the \$4.00 modernization fee. On average tax-payers will pay less fees.

HB 2567 is introduced to you as transparent solution to this state-wide problem. This bill offers a simplified, flat-fee structure that would create greater transparency for customers, while also removing a \$4.00 modernization fee. The new fee structure in HB 2567 helps County Treasurer's fund an increase in services.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 2567 and the sufficient funding of a state and county partnership.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam T. Rains
Douglas County Treasurer