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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 69**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

House Sub. for SB 69 would authorize the Love, Chloe Foundation (Foundation) license plate for issuance on and after January 1, 2022, and would require an annual payment of a \$10 firefighters training fee for each new or renewed firefighter license plate starting January 1, 2022.

Love, Chloe Foundation License Plate

The bill would authorize a Foundation license plate to be issued to the owner or lessee of a passenger vehicle or truck registered for a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less. The bill would allow any owner or lessee to apply for the new plate prior to paying annual vehicle registration fees and after payment of a logo use royalty fee of between \$25 and \$100 to the Foundation. Royalties would be deposited into the Love, Chloe Foundation Royalty Fund, which the bill would create. Payments from the fund would be made on a monthly basis to the appropriate designee of the Foundation. The Foundation would pay initial costs and work with the Director of Vehicles, Department of Revenue (KDOR), to design the plate. It also would provide to all county treasurers an email address an applicant would use to contact the Foundation about the application.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Firefighter Training Fee

The bill would require a \$10 annual firefighters training fee payment to be collected by county treasurers and deposited into the Firefighters Training Fund, which the bill would create. The bill would authorize expenditures from the fund to be made for purposes of providing financial support related to honoring or training Kansas firefighters or any general use that supports Kansas firefighters. The bill would require payments from the Firefighters Training Fund to be made monthly to the designee of the Kansas State Firefighters Association (Association).

Under continuing law (KSA 2020 Supp. 8-1,141), an applicant for a firefighter license plate must also pay a \$40 distinctive license plate fee when a plate is issued.

Background

The bill would include provisions of SB 68, as introduced, and SB 69, as introduced.

SB 69 (Love, Chloe Foundation License Plate)

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of Senator Claeys.

[*Note:* The bill contains provisions of 2020 SB 315, as passed by the Senate, with technical changes.]

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, the founder and president of the Foundation provided **proponent** testimony. The conferee described the work of the Foundation in supporting families and classmates of children with cancer, coordinating with other organizations, and funding research into childhood cancer. She showed an illustration of a

suggested design, which would state “Childhood Cancer, Fueling the Fight.org” and include a gold ribbon and a rainbow.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, the founder and president of the Foundation and two private citizens provided **proponent** testimony. The proponents summarized their personal experiences with pediatric cancer, discussed the financial burden it can place on a family, and indicated the revenues from the license plates would provide financial assistance to families when they have a child afflicted with pediatric cancer.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to add the contents of SB 68, as introduced (firefighter training fee).

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on SB 69 as introduced, the KDOR estimates enactment of the bill would increase its expenditures by \$8,764 in FY 2022 for administrative costs related to designing and manufacturing the new license plate. KDOR estimates the bill would increase revenues to the State Highway Fund by \$19,625 from a \$40 personalized plate fee, which assumes an initial issuance of 500 license plates. In addition, KDOR estimates \$20,000 in revenues to the Distinctive License Plate Fund from a nonrefundable fee required in continuing law from the sponsor of a new distinctive license plate to defray the cost to develop the new

plate. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

SB 68 (Firefighter Training Fee)

SB 68 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of the Association.

[*Note:* SB 68 contains the provisions of 2020 HB 2531 as recommended by the House Committee on Transportation.]

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, the president of the Association and another Association representative provided **proponent** testimony. The conferees stated Association membership had authorized the Association board to pursue the fee, and the moneys would be used to support training for firefighters.

No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Committee on Transportation

In the House Committee hearing, the president of the Association and another Association representative provided **proponent** testimony.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on SB 68 as introduced, KDOR indicates enactment of the bill would increase its expenditures by \$4,350 for one-time administrative expenditures for FY 2022. KDOR estimates \$117,190 would be deposited into the Firefighters Training Fund for FY 2022 if all 11,719 firefighters who currently have firefighter license plates renew those plates. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2022 Governor's Budget Report*.

License plate; childhood cancer; firefighters; training fund