

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2149**

As Amended by House Committee on  
Transportation

**Brief\***

HB 2149, as amended, would permit, on and after January 1, 2024, any distinctive license plate to also be a personalized plate as prescribed by current law. Under the bill, any license plate that is not military-related and is both distinctive and personalized would be subject to a doubling of the fee for personalized plates, which is currently \$40.

The fee would not be doubled if the license plate is one for which eligibility is related to military honors or service or is one of four specialized license plates for which royalty payments go to state entities: Children's Trust Fund, helping schools, breast cancer research, and support Kansas arts license plates.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Transportation at the request of Representative Hoheisel.

***House Committee on Transportation***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by a member of the Wichita City Council, who stated the bill would remove the need for Kansans to choose between a distinctive or a personalized plate and would increase revenues for the Distinctive License Plate Fund.

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\*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>

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles, who indicated she would support the bill if it were amended to ensure certain types of plates could not be issued with duplicate identifiers. Neutral written-only testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Sheriffs' Association and the Kansas Peace Officers Association, who also indicated a desire to assure multiple plates with the same identifier cannot be issued.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to specify distinctive plates otherwise exempt from relevant provisions could be personalized and would be subject to the \$40 personalized license plate fee in current law.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Department of Revenue estimates enactment of the bill would increase administrative costs by at least \$87,750 with additional IT costs up to \$25,600 to implement the provisions of the bill. The Department also indicates enactment of the bill would increase revenues to the Distinctive License Plate Fund by as much as \$1.6 million. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Distinctive license plates; personalized license plates; motor vehicle fees