

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL 2148

Testimony of Thomas G. Franzen, CTP, CPFO

Johnson County Treasurer

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Johnson County and the Kansas County Treasurers Association on House Bill 2148.

Johnson County supports HB 2148. Currently, local County governments are subsidizing the titling and registration of motor vehicles, a state mandated service, with local property tax. Johnson County government has provided on average over \$800,000 of general fund support annually over the last ten years to the motor vehicle operation. HB 2148 offers much needed fee revenue at the local level to support providing these services. This bill provides property tax relief by decreasing reliance on ad valorem property tax support for these services.

HB 2148 also reduces the overall cost of service to our customers. With the changes proposed in HB 2148, our customers will experience a net average fee decrease of \$2.36 per transaction. The bill also simplifies the revenue model by eliminating over 12 fees at the local level, including the County Facility fee, and removing the \$4 DMV Modernization fee.

In summary, HB 2148 enhances revenue at the local level, reduces overall fees paid by the customer, simplifies the fee structure paid by the customer, provides property tax relief, and allows for more local control of a state mandated service.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2148. We respectfully request you pass this bill out of committee for further consideration by the House.