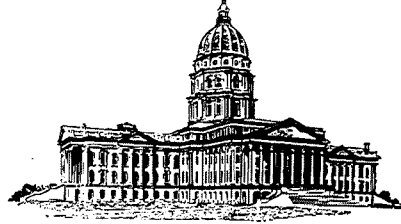


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Chairman Francis, Vice-Chairman Neelly, Ranking Member Ballard, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 359, which is about uniting communities. I introduced the bill in the Senate with the support of many colleagues. The original bill before it was amended would create a distinctive Kansas City Chiefs license plate.

Growing up in Kansas in the Kansas City metro-area, and raising my family in Kansas just 20 minutes from Arrowhead, I've been a lifelong Chiefs fan. So you can imagine my excitement when a friend who works in the Chiefs organization called me to ask me if I'd introduce a bill for a Chiefs license plate for Kansans. Of course I said yes.

In committee, the bill was amended to add two more distinctive license plates: for the Sedgwick County Zoo and Sporting KC. And on the Senate floor, the bill was amended to add two more distinctive license plates: for the Kansas City Royals and KC Current.

Part of why I said yes to sponsoring the original bill, and why I stand in support of the bill as amended is that today, it seems that issues that divide us dominate the headlines. But there's not much that unifies society more than the local sports team. Here in Kansas, it's fun to see so many Chiefs fans rooting for the team, who won back-to-back Super Bowls, making that three Super Bowl wins in five years. With this bill not only can we in Kansas have the opportunity to celebrate the Chiefs, but also show our support for other teams, other sports, and family activities, that can unite a community and a state.

They can and do unify us, across state lines, across our state, from all walks of life, of all ages, and of all political backgrounds.

So thank you to the Kansas City Chiefs for bringing this bill idea, and to everyone who has been supportive of it. I ask you to support the bill as well, since it's one of those rare opportunities to enact legislation that unlike the news headlines, can bring us together.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm happy to stand for any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kellie" followed by a stylized flourish.