



Kansas State Firefighters Association, Inc.

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Senate Transportation Committee

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Good afternoon Chairman Petersen and memebtrs of the committee. My name is Kevin Flory and I am the President of the Kansas State Firefighters Association. Our association represents approximatly 16,000 career and volunteer firefighters throughout the state of Kansas.

The KSFFA stands in support of SB 68. We are the sponsoring organization that created the firefighter distinctivte license plate in 2005. We also paid the initial \$10,000 that was required at the time to move forward with the project. At that time, a tag fee was not requested by the KSFFA Executive Board, but we knew that option would be available in the future.

In 2016, our membership authorized the Executive Board to pursue placing a fee on these distinctive tags. This fee will help offset the rising costs of delivering and managing fire training throughout the state. The cost of the fee was agreed to by our membership at our annual conference in 2016. Our members asked for the fee not to exceed fifteen dollars. We are now respetfully asking the Legislature for approval to implement that fee.

As an association, we are committed to providing for the safety and education of the Kansas firefighter, and this tag fee will allow us to contiue to execute this mission. The KSFFA thanks you for your time and respectfully asks that you advance this bill to help us continue to support our firefighters with high quality training.