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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2358

As Recommended by House Committee on Transportation

Brief*

Sub. for HB 2358 provides that for any motor vehicle subject to a lien, the county treasurer would be required to collect from the applicant a \$1.50 processing fee and mailing a copy of the title application to the lienholder.

Background

Conferees who supported the bill as introduced included: Nancy Weeks, Chairperson, Kansas County Treasurer's Legislative Committee and Haskell County Treasurer; Charles Letcher, Johnson Country Treasurer (provided written testimony); and Carmen Alldritt, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue. Nancy Weeks, The Kansas County Treasurer's Legislative Committee, testified that the bill addresses the methods by which the lienholder fee is collected by each country treasurer on a titled vehicle with a lien on it. She said currently the county treasurers receive \$1.50 for each recorded lien. The customer pays the lien holder fee to the lienholder. The treasurer then sends a bill to the lienholder each month for those recorded liens. The lienholder then must mail a check back to the county treasurer's office. The bill would change this practice and allow the county treasurer to collect the fee from the customer at the time of registration and record the lien. Ms. Weeks explained the bill would eliminate keeping track of the accounts for each lienholder and billing for what is owed the treasurer's office. She indicated that the

^{*}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

change contained in the bill was a more efficient and effective way of doing business. No one testified against the bill.

The amendment was proposed by the Kansas County Treasurer's Legislative Committee. The substitute bill was recommended by the revisor. The original bill was a carryover bill and the latest version of the bill was needed.

The fiscal note on the original bill indicates that the bill would increase costs to consumers who would be required to pay the \$1.50 service fee from each applicant registering a motor vehicle with a lien. The Kansas Association of Counties indicated that counties would no longer need to bill lienholders for processing and mailing them a copy of the title application, which would save counties money. However, the Kansas Association of Counties is unable to estimate the savings associated with the bill. The Department of Revenue indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on its operations.