

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Hayzlett at 1:30 p.m. on February 1, 2012, in Room 783 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except Representative John Grange and Representative Jerry Henry.

Committee staff present:

Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Betty Boaz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Joesphe Stiles, Assistant Grand Secretary of Freemasons in Kansas
Wesley Ingenthron, Senior, Shawnee Mission South, Overland Park, KS
Helen Pedigo, Office of Judicial Administration

Others attending.

See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hayzlett. He asked for bill introductions.

Representative Prescott moved to introduce a bill pertaining to abandonment and retirement of rail trailers. The motion was seconded by Representative Swanson and the motion carried.

There being no other bill introductions the Chairman opened the hearings on **HB 2499**.

HB 2499 – Providing for the Masonic lodge license plate

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Joesphe Stiles, Assistant Grand Secretary of Freemasons in Kansas. (Attachment #1) According to Mr. Stiles they propose providing for the Masonic Lodge license plate. If this proposal is approved it will help support two broad missions: their newest Grand Lodge charity fund and the restoration and development of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum.

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There were no other proponents and no opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2499**.

Chairman Hayzlett opened the hearing on **HB 2500**.

HB 2500 – Prohibiting school bus drivers from using hand-held wireless telephones while driving, except under certain circumstances

The Chairman recognized Wesley Ingenthron, a senior at Shawnee Mission South High School, in Overland Park, KS. (Attachment #2) According to Mr. Ingenthron this bill would prohibit school bus drivers from talking on their cell phones while operating a school bus except under certain circumstances. He said this bill is important for the protection of students.

After questions had been answered the Chairman asked if there were additional proponents, there were none.

Chairman Hayzlett recognized Helen Pedigro as a Neutral conferee, from the Office of Judicial Administration (Attachment #3). Ms. Pedigro requested an amendment because the court system's FullCourt case management system is statute-based, operating from a statute table used by KBI and other law enforcement officials. Both crimes and offenses are entered into the table by statute number and are used to reference specific crimes. It would assist them in recognizing the crime or offense charged and fines levied. She said this amendment would have no effect on **HB 2500**.

There were no other Neutrals and no Opponents so Chairman Hayzlett closed the hearing on **HB 2500**.

It was the Chairman's desire for discussion and action on **HB 2458**. *Representative Grant moved HB 2458 favorable for passage, the motion was seconded by Representative Proehl and the motion carried.*

The Chairman opened **HB 2459** for discussion and action. *Representative Wolf moved HB 2459 favorable for passage, seconded by Representative Arpke and the motion carried.*

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.