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MINUTES OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dwayne Umbarger at 8:35 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Anthony Hensley - excused

Committee staff present:

Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jane Wentz, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Steve Sutton, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Hearing and possible action on:

HB 2674—Highway patrol; administration

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and then opened the hearing on **HB 2674 - Highway patrol; administration**. At the request of the Chairperson, Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, presented a brief overview of **HB 2674**. This bill would repeal five statutes and amend one for the purpose of transferring the duties of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services from the Highway Patrol, as this agency was severed many years ago and operates independently of the Highway Patrol. Major Mark Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol, provided written testimony in support of HB 2674 (Attachment 1). Steven Sutton, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services testified in support of HB 2674 and requested an amendment to strike the last sentence beginning on line 17 and ending on line 19, page 1, of **HB 2674** (Attachment 2). The Chairperson asked if anyone else wished to speak regarding **HB 2674** and, hearing no

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requests, declared the hearing closed. *Senator Schmidt moved to amend the bill and to recommend **HB 2674** favorably for passage. Senator Petersen seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

Possible final action on:

SB 451–Window tinting exemption for certain medical reasons

The Chairperson opened the discussion on **SB 451** and requested that Mr. Yoza update the Committee with a brief overview of the balloon amendment to **SB 451**. After considerable discussion, the Chairperson asked what the pleasure of the Committee would be in working this bill. Due to the number of unanswered questions from the Committee and their concerns regarding a window tinting exemption for medical reasons, the Chairperson declared the Committee would not work the bill and closed the discussion.

HB 2614–Designating the junction between I-70 and US 183 as the CW2 Bryan J Nichols fallen veterans memorial interchange

The Chairperson open for discussion and possible final action on **HB 2614 - Designating the junction between I-70 and US 183 as the CW2 Bryan Nichols fallen veterans memorial interchange**. It was noted that the Committee passed **SB 335–Designating the junction of I-70 and US 183 as the CW2 Bryan J Nichols fallen veterans memorial interchange** out of Committee, it had passed in the full Senate, and contains the same language as **HB 2614**. The Chairperson asked the Committee to work **HB 2614**, out of respect for the House and the co-sponsors of the House Bill. *Senator Donovan made a motion to pass **HB 2614** favorably out of committee. Senator Marshall seconded the motion, and the motion carried on a voice vote.*

An update on the Division of Vehicles Modernization Project was distributed to each Committee member (Attachment 3). This updated information was provided by Donna Shelite, Director of Vehicles, Kansas Department of Revenue.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2012.

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