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Written Neutral Testimony on House Bill 2020  
House Committee on Transportation

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The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide written neutral testimony on House Bill 2020. This bill is attempting to establish that independent contractors who are working for a carrier must comply with all motor carrier rules and regulations for the safety of the motoring public. It is important to note that a carrier who hires an independent contractor is also responsible for ensuring that the proper safety measures and regulations are being followed.

A good example is that a motor carrier is responsible for ensuring and documenting that the independent contractor they have hired has the correct type of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and that the driver is medically certified. The responsibility being placed on the carrier helps to ensure the safety of Kansas' motoring public. In turn, a motor carrier should expect that the worker status of the independent contractor will not change for labor purposes as a result of this responsibility.

While we do not disagree with the language in the proposed bill, we believe its inclusion into K.S.A. Chapter 66 may cause some confusion as to what the responsibilities are for motor carriers and independent contractors. Chapter 44 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated might be a better fit for this language as this Chapter applies directly to Labor and Industries.

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