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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor

Date: March 14, 2023

Subject: House Bill No. 2346

Summary

House Bill No. 2346 provides for the Back the Blue license plate. A vehicle owner may be issued a Back the Blue license plate for every vehicle or truck upon proper registration and payment of the regular license fees pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143. Any applicant for a Back the Blue license plate shall pay a law enforcement support fee to the county treasurer. The fee is \$30. Those fees will be deposited into the Back the Blue Royalty Fund with payments made to the Kansas Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), Inc.

This license plate would be exempt from the \$5,000 nonrefundable payment for development costs otherwise required under K.S.A. 8-1,141. The 250 license plates commitment requirement would still be in effect. The Director of Vehicles would also certify to the Director of Accounts and Reports when 100 paid orders for the plate are received. The Director of Accounts and Reports would then transfer \$4,000 from the State Highway Fund to the Distinctive License Plate Fund.