



KANSAS AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

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To: The Honorable Troy Waymaster, Chairman
and Members of the House Committee on Appropriations

From: Don L. McNeely, KADA President

Re: HB 2068 — AN ACT concerning child support orders; relating to enforcement against persons in arrearage; registration or renewal of registration of certain vehicles and vessels

Good morning, Chairman Waymaster and Members of the House Committee on Appropriations. My name is Don McNeely, and I serve as the President and CEO of the Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, which represents the franchised new motor vehicle industry in Kansas. I am also joined this afternoon by our Legislative Counsel Whitney Damron.

On behalf of KADA, I appear today in opposition of HB 2068, which would prohibit the registration of a motor vehicle, if the owner of the motor vehicle is delinquent in their child support payments. Our opposition to this legislation does not mean that we endorse individuals being delinquent in regard to their child support obligations. Our opposition is due primarily to the unintended consequences of the proposal.

In most cases when a licensed new motor vehicle dealer leases a vehicle to a consumer the responsibility for assuring that the motor vehicle is properly titled and registered is placed upon the dealer by the leasing company. HB 2068 as currently drafted places a considerable burden upon the dealer as it pertains to leasing a motor vehicle.

There are also questions as to the financing of the vehicle and the perfection of the lien, if an individual is unable to title and register a vehicle after purchase. Will there be a real time database to determine if an individual is delinquent in their child support payments, so the selling or leasing can take appropriate precautions?

We are also concerned this proposal will further perpetuate the out of state registration of motor vehicles that should be registered in Kansas. If an individual is not paying their child support and is therefore unable to register their vehicle, what is going to stop them from registering their vehicle in Missouri or another state.

On behalf of the Kansas Automobile Dealers Association, I thank the Members of the Committee for allowing me to appear before you this morning and provide some comments in regard to HB 2068.

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