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## **TESTIMONY BEFORE** SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

## **REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2095** RELATED TO PROVIDING A SPECIAL VEHICLE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN VEHICLE **COMBINATIONS**

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

My name is Joel Skelley, I am the Director of Policy at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). I am here to provide neutral testimony and answer questions you may have for KDOT on House Bill 2095.

Increased weights on trucks have been a topic of discussion in Kansas and other states across the country for several years now. As a result of these discussions in Kansas specifically KDOT performed analysis on our system of highways and bridges. Based on this analysis KDOT believes that any increase in weight over the current legal weight would need to have an increase in number of axles on the vehicle. House Bill 2095 requires this.

Thank you for your time today. I will now stand for questions.