

**Proponent testimony from George Westbrook on HB 2608.**

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Chairman Proehl and members of the transportation committee,

I support HB2608 that puts common sense legislation around funeral processions here in Kansas. I often serve as a motorcycle escort for veterans who are being laid to rest here in one of the two National Cemeteries in Leavenworth. It may be hard to believe but we are cut off and I have found myself in dangerous situations many times doing this service for our nation's heroes.

Common sense would dictate that other drivers should respect or be courteous to funeral processions, but there are no laws that are direct here in Kansas. While everyone is or should be taught the rules of what to do, funeral processions don't really get spelled out under the law. I would appreciate the state at least recognize that funeral processions are a fact of life in our society.

Our group of military funeral escorts respectfully assist these processions. Our goal is to honor the fallen. Funeral processions are a part of giving that honor. Please help put some statutory structure in place that at least gives validity to funeral processions so that if there were an accident, those in the procession would not be technically breaking the law.

Thank you for your support of this bill.

Respectfully Lynn Rolf Jr, Leavenworth, KS