

Before the House Transportation Committee

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Chair Proehl, Vice Chair Delperdang, Ranking Minority Member Helgerson, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to brief your Committee today on behalf of the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC or Commission). I am here today as a proponent of HB 2007.

HB 2007 amends and updates many of the Transportation Division's Economic Statutes to remove outdated language and introduce updates to conform to changes recently adopted in our state motor carrier regulations. To this extent, our bill is best characterized as "clean-up" and changes no current policy issues.

These changes were made through a deliberative process that involved coordination with our federal counterparts at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) as well as industry as represented by the Kansas Motor Carrier Association (KMCA).

The changes proposed in this bill remove outdated language and requirements such as, removing regulations that previously required hearings for obtaining Commission authority to operate. The changes would also allow for motor carriers to receive decisions and orders of the Commission through electronic mail if authorized by the carrier. Carriers would be free to revoke that authorization and receive updates by regular mail at their discretion. Additionally it removes language related to leasing or assignment of territories, pooling agreements and contract motor carriers. These were all regulations that were in effect before deregulation changed the industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of HB 2007 and I will gladly stand for questions at the appropriate time.