

House Transportation Committee January 21, 2021 House Bill 2014

Kansas Association of Counties Neutral Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Proehl and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer neutral testimony on HB 2014, which would allow military surplus vehicles to be registered for regular road use. KAC is neutral on this bill, although there are some safety concerns.

First, the bill is very broad when identifying what types of surplus vehicles can be registered. The bill restricts only vehicles that are tracked. For public roads, it is important that all vehicles comply with axle weight limits, light requirements and other vehicle requirements. Allowing military surplus vehicles that do not comply with these restrictions could put Kansans at risk. KAC would urge the committee to carefully consider what types of vehicles should be utilized on public roadways and what, if any, additional signage or decals for oversized or slow moving vehicles should be required in this bill.

The safety of Kansans is important to KAC and its member counties. Ensuring that we are not introducing vehicles that may make Kansas roads a dangerous place for our residents and visitors is important. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your time and consideration.

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