

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

## Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2024 Regular Session

February 27, 2024

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The fifth meeting of the House Standing Committee on Transportation was held on February 27, 2024, at 12:00 PM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative John Blanton, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Representatives John Blanton, Chair; Jonathan Dixon, Vice Chair; Representatives Josh Branscum, Adrielle Camuel, Daniel Elliott, Ken Fleming, David Hale, Samara Heavrin, Keturah Herron, John Hodgson, Thomas Huff, Mary Beth Imes, Derek Lewis, Bobby McCool, Kimberly Poore Moser, Amy Neighbors, Ruth Ann Palumbo, Rachel Roberts, Tom Smith, Ashley Tackett Laferty, Walker Thomas, Ken Upchurch, Bill Wesley, and Wade Williams.

Guests: Marty Kellogg, Executive Vice President, Parts and Service, Worldwide Equipment, Inc.; Gary Coffman, Director of Service, Worldwide Equipment, Inc.; Will Fogle, General Counsel, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); and Rob Thompson, Engineering Branch Manager, Department of Highways, KYTC

LRC Staff: John Snyder, Dana Fugazzi, Ashley Nash, Christina Williams, and Riley Kelly.

### Approval of February 6, 2024 and February 13, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by Representative Ken Fleming to approve the committee's minutes from the February 6, 2024 and the February 13, 2024 meetings. Representative Walker Thomas seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

### Bills for Consideration

#### HB 592/CS

#### ***AN ACT relating to motor vehicle dealers.***

**Sponsor:** Representative Tom Smith

House Bill 592 was discussed by its sponsor, Representative Tom Smith, who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Appearing with Representative Smith was Marty Kellogg, Executive Vice President, Parts and Service, Worldwide Equipment, Inc.; and Gary Coffman, Director of Service, Worldwide Equipment, Inc., who both spoke in favor of the measure. Representative Walker Thomas made a motion to adopt the committee substitute. Representative Derek Lewis seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Committee meeting materials may be accessed online at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/CommitteeDocuments/95>

After brief discussion, Representative Derek Lewis made a motion to pass House Bill 592 as amended by the committee substitute. Representative Wade Williams seconded the motion, which passed on a 24-0-0 roll call vote.

### **HB 461/CS/LM**

#### ***AN ACT relating to school bus safety.***

**Sponsor:** Representative David Hale

House Bill 461 was discussed by its sponsor, Representative David Hale, who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Representative Josh Branscum made a motion to adopt the committee substitute. Representative Kim Moser seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. After brief discussion, Representative Walker Thomas made a motion to pass House Bill 461 as amended by the committee substitute. Representative Thomas Huff seconded the motion, which passed on a 23-1-0 roll call vote.

### **Consideration of Referred Administrative Regulations**

Will Fogle, General Counsel, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC); and Rob Thompson, Engineering Branch Manager, Department of Highways, KYTC, appeared before the committee to explain and take questions on Administrative Regulation 603 KAR 005:155, which addresses vegetation management. No objections were raised, and it was not found to be deficient nor was it deferred.

### **603 KAR 005:155 Proposed - Vegetation management.**

Will Fogle, General Counsel, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Blanton adjourned the meeting at 12:41 P.M.