

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

## Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2025 Regular Session

February 25, 2025

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the House Standing Committee on Transportation was held on February 25, 2025, at 12:00 PM in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Mary Beth Imes, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Representative Mary Beth Imes, Chair; Representatives John Blanton, Ryan Bivens, Josh Branscum, Randy Bridges, Anne Gay Donworth, Myron Dossett, Daniel Elliott, David Hale, Samara Heavrin, John Hodgson, Thomas Huff, Matthew Lehman, Derek Lewis, Rachel Roarx, Tom Smith, Ashley Tackett Laferty, Walker Thomas, and Ken Upchurch.

Guests: Brandon Reed, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy; Dalton Workman, Director, State Government Affairs, Charter Communications; Ellen Call, Associate Vice President, Charter Communications; Anne Marie Franklin, Manager, Governmental Affairs, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance; and Jon Johnson, Assistant General Counsel, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)

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

### Approval of February 18, 2025 minutes

Minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting were approved.

### Bills for Consideration

#### HB 157/CS

#### ***AN ACT relating to special license plates.***

**Sponsor:** Representative Ken Upchurch

House Bill 157 was discussed by its sponsor Representative Ken Upchurch, who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Representative Samara Heavrin motioned to adopt the committee substitute. Representative Josh Branscum seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Appearing with Representative Upchurch was former State Representative Brandon Reed, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy, who spoke in favor of the measure. After brief discussion, Representative Daniel Elliott motioned to pass House Bill 157 as amended by the committee substitute.

Representative Samara Heavrin seconded the motion, which passed on a 19-0-0 roll call

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vote.

### **HB 682**

#### ***AN ACT relating to utility relocation.***

**Sponsor:** Representative Ken Upchurch

House Bill 682 was discussed by its sponsor Representative Ken Upchurch. Appearing with Representative Upchurch was Dalton Workman, Director, State Government Affairs, Charter Communications; and Ellen Call, Associate Vice President, Charter Communications, who both spoke in favor of the measure. After brief discussion, Representative John Blanton motioned to pass House Bill 682. Representative Samara Heavrin seconded the motion, which passed on a 19-0-0 roll call vote.

### **HB 443**

#### ***AN ACT relating to the Hal Rogers Parkway.***

**Sponsor:** Representative John Blanton

House Bill 443 was discussed by its sponsor Representative John Blanton. After brief discussion, Representative Myron Dossett made a motion to pass House Bill 443. Representative Ken Upchurch seconded the motion, which passed on a 19-0-0 roll call vote.

### **HB 444/CS**

#### ***AN ACT relating to Commercial driver's licenses.***

**Sponsor:** Representative John Blanton

House Bill 444 was discussed by its sponsor Representative John Blanton who indicated there was a committee substitute on the measure. Representative Josh Branscum motioned to adopt the committee substitute. Representative Ken Upchurch seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. After brief discussion, Representative Ryan Bivens made a motion to pass House Bill 444 as amended by the committee substitute. Representative Josh Branscum seconded the motion, which passed on a 19-0-0 roll call vote.

### **HB 493**

#### ***AN ACT relating to the towing and storage of motor vehicles.***

**Sponsor:** Representative Michael Sarge Pollock

House Bill 493 was discussed by its sponsor Representative Michael Sarge Pollock. Appearing with Representative Pollock was Anne Marie Franklin, Manager, Governmental Affairs, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance, who spoke in favor of the measure. After brief discussion, Representative Derek Lewis made a motion to pass House Bill 493. Representative Samara Heavrin seconded the motion, which passed on a 19-0-0 roll call vote.

## **Consideration of Referred Administrative Regulations**

**600 KAR 004:010 Proposed - Certification of disadvantaged business enterprises.**

Jon Johnson, Assistant General Counsel, KYTC, appeared before the committee to explain and take questions on 600 KAR 004:010. No objections were raised, and it was not found to be deficient nor was it deferred.

**Adjournment**

With no other business to come before the committee, Chairman Imes adjourned the committee at 12:29 P.M.