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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
REGARDING SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 272
RELATING TO UNLAWFUL PASSING OF A WASTE COLLECTOR**

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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Good Afternoon, I am Josh Powell for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and I am here today to provide testimony in support of Substitute for Senate Bill 272.

Substitute for Senate Bill 272 as currently written proposes new legislation and adds a fine for unlawful passing of a waste collector to K.S.A. 8-1722. The bill would require drivers to yield the right of way to “persons obviously and actually engaged in waste collection;” and to “move left” when a stationary vehicle is obviously and actually engaged in waste collection.

While legislation will never completely protect those, who work on and near the highways and roadways, KDOT is supportive of legislation that will increase the safety of those persons.

KDOT appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Substitute for SB 272.