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SB 18

January 28, 2021

Senate Transportation Committee

Thank you for your consideration of SB 18, which will look familiar to some of our members. It is a bill dealing with the titling of military surplus vehicles which was lost last year when the legislature was closed early because of the pandemic.

I promised the conferees we would reintroduce the bill this year. SB 18 is identical to the bill that passed out of the Senate Committee with one exception.

The Senate Committee amended the bill last year to include foreign manufactured vehicles. Vehicles manufactured in NATO member countries conformed to military safety standards. The bill as it was sent to the floor only listed foreign countries.

Vehicles that are to be driven on Kansas roadways will be inspected and still be required to follow all of KDOT's weight and size restrictions. The senate committee last year amended the bill to limit it to vehicles with three axels to allow some of the trucks to be used for fire fighting and hauling water to cattle.

There are companies located in Kansas that are utilizing the skill sets of our sheet metal workers in aerospace industry to help refurbish these vehicles. Some of these vehicles are being used by farmers and ranchers. This bill will allow licensing of approved military surplus vehicles to be utilized in our state.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Petersen". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Senator Mike Petersen