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To:House AppropriationsFrom:Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs DirectorDate:February 7, 2024RE:HB 2472 – 2% Budget Cap<br/>Neutral– Written Testimony

Thank you to the Chair and the Committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

The League of Kansas Municipalities does not have a position on the concept of a statutory budget cap regarding the Governor's Budget.

However, we do ask you to consider any implications this could have on funds that have been created for programs utilized by cities that benefit Kansans. We want to ensure that any fund that has a statutory pledge of specific dollars or percentage increases is not reduced, however unintended, due to the passage of any budget cap provisions.

We ask the Legislature to look at the impact on these funds such a provision would create and put in any necessary protections to ensure the impact to any designated funds is not detrimental to their intended purposes and needs they fulfill.

The League is willing to sit down and look at what some of these funds may be and work with the Legislature to install these protections.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues. I am always available to provide additional information and answer any questions you have.

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