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House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Rep. Stephen Owens
Kansas State Capitol, Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: Written Testimony from Randy Frazer, City of Arkansas City, Opposing SB 318

I write to you as the City Manager of Arkansas City to express our significant concern regarding Senate Bill 318.

SB 318, in its current form, imposes additional responsibilities on our legal representatives by expanding the scope of K.S.A. 12-4410 to mandate the review of all audio and video recordings related to a case. While the intent to ensure transparency and fairness is acknowledged, the practical implications of this amendment are concerning. It may hinder the efficiency of our legal processes and compromise the ability of city attorneys to discharge their duties effectively.

Extending this burden to pro se defendants is of particular concern, potentially impeding access to justice for individuals representing themselves in court. As stewards of our community's well-being, legislative measures must uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and efficiency.

Therefore, we urge your support in opposing SB 318 in its current form and advocating for amendments to address the legitimate concerns of the League of Kansas Municipalities and other stakeholders.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. We look forward to your support in advocating for our municipality's best interests.

Sincerely,

Randy Frazer,
City Manager,
City of Arkansas City