

Testimony before the House Agriculture Committee

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Regarding House Bill 2099

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The League of Kansas Municipalities appreciates the opportunity to appear before the committee as a neutral conferee on House Bill 2099 regarding the impairment of water rights.

We are grateful to the committee for continuing the hearing on this legislation from February 9. We understand that this legislation was worked on by several parties. Inadvertently, we and most every municipal entity was not part of the discussions from which HB 2099 arose. The continuation of the hearing allowed us to speak with the proponents and their contact our membership and brief them on the legislation.

Communication with our members has allowed us to confirm that they are not opposed to HB 2099, and we offer a neutral position on this legislation. Again, we very much appreciate this committee's willingness to allow time for additional review of this legislation.