

To: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

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RE: Neutral Testimony on SB 421

I want to thank Chairman Estes and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 421.

While we do not believe SB 421 is intended to impact local government the League has concerns about the language of the statute being amended by this bill.

K.S.A 74-120 has the statute heading of, "Consideration of felony convictions of applicants for licensure by state agencies". It is our understanding that this statute would not apply to the licensure, certification or registrations by local governments; however, the current text of the bill does not include any indication of who is subject to this statute. It appears that this statute was once part of a much larger act and, due to the repeal of other statutes, it is no longer clear it would only apply to state agencies.

To ensure that the application of this statute does not pertain to cities who can and do license professional occupations, we respectfully request for two amendments if this bill were to be worked by the Committee. On page one, line nine, we would ask for an amendment that reads "...individuals for licensure, certification or registration *for state agencies*, may consider..." On page one, line 14, we would ask for an amendment that reads "...individuals for licensure, certification or registration *for state agencies*, shall revise..."

If the Committee takes any action on SB 421 the League respectfully requests that you consider our suggested changes to avoid any possible confusion in the future as to the applicability of K.S.A. 74-120.