

HB 2071
Committee on Judiciary
WRITTEN TESTIMONY
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SUPPORT

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is submitted today on behalf of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence in general support of HB 2071. The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) is a statewide non-profit organization whose membership is the 27 sexual and domestic violence programs serving victims across Kansas.

HB 2071 requires the court to consider the existence of current or past protection orders presented to the court when determining the sentence to be imposed on the defendant. This information could provide essential information about the defendant's history of violence, level of violence, power and control tactics used in the relationship, thereby, allowing the court to make more effective and well-informed decisions.

KCSDV supports this law and the consideration of protection orders in the sentencing determination.

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