

To: Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Amanda L. Stanley, General Counsel

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2571

I want to thank Chairman Wilburn and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2571.

As amended by the House, HB 2571 is a reasonable compromise on an important issue for municipalities. This bill provides some needed clarity on what constitutes an heir-at-law and sets a deadline for a family to view body camera footage.

While our members understand, and even share, concerns that there needs to be more direction toward uniformity in the way video and audio are handled across the state, we highly recommend the other issues addressed in the original version of HB 2571 receive a thorough review by all interested parties which should include the law enforcement, city management, city attorneys, and other judicial stakeholders who are asked to protect the public safety in our Kansas communities on a daily basis and that only the issues contained in the amended version HB 2571 recommended to the full Senate for its consideration.