

# Senate Judiciary Committee – House Bill 2459

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**Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers**

**Proponent**

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (KACDL) is a 350+ member organization dedicated to ensuring justice and due process for persons accused of crime or other misconduct. KACDL supports HB 2459, which would make changes to the Kansas standard asset seizure and forfeiture act.

The proposed legislation stems from the recommendations of the Judicial Council Civil Asset Forfeiture Advisory Committee, which examined Kansas laws on civil asset forfeiture. KACDL is a proponent to this legislation because of the hard work the Judicial Council Committee put into this legislation. The counsel consisted of members with various viewpoints who were knowledgeable about the existing forfeiture laws. House Bill 2459 represents a consensus reached by those members. The bill establishes a central repository for forfeiture data and clarifies guidelines for law enforcement agencies. The proposed legislation provides for data collection that will support a more thorough evaluation of the civil forfeiture proceedings going forward.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to support HB 2459.

Thank you for your consideration,

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