

Date: March 13, 2018

To: Senate Transportation

From: Eric B. Smith, Deputy General Counsel

Re: Support of Sub for HB 2040 **WRITTEN ONLY**

I want to thank Chairman Petersen and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities, on behalf of our member cities, to provide written testimony in support of Sub for HB 2040.

In prior testimony on the original bill the League opposed HB 2040; however, Sub for HB 2040 has removed the sections the League was opposed to and we now support the current bill.

The protection of school children is very important, and Sub of HB 2040 provides a clear policy statement of this importance. If a driver continues to violate the law by passing a school bus with the stop sign out there will be an escalation of fine which should educate the driver of the need to obey the law. If drivers are fined a substantial amount there will not only be an incentive to drive more safely around school busses but also a financial incentive to no longer violate the law.

The League supports Sub for HB 2040 and respectfully requests the Committee pass this bill out of Committee with a recommendation to the full Senate for approval.