

## Testimony

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## Sports Wagering HB 2671

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports the expansion of gaming in Kansas by allowing Sport Wagering, with one exception.

The Unified Government supports the legalization of betting on sporting events. However, local governments should receive a share of the revenues generated by sports bets made in the casino.

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/KCK, home to the Hollywood Casino, believes local citizens should benefit from additional revenues generated by sports wagering made in the casino, in the same manner they do from the 3% of revenue shared with the community from all other gaming at the casino.

We ask that the bill be amended to say that revenues from sports wagering bets made at the casino be counted the same as revenues from slot machines, card games and roulette wheels and included as part of the total revenues on which the casino calculates and pays it 3% share to the local government.