



TO: House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Eric B. Smith, Legal Counsel

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RE: Written Testimony in opposition to HB 2188

Thank you for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities to provide written opposition to HB 2188. LKM is committed to open and honest government and believes all levels of government should be subject to the same open records requirements. Local governments across Kansas strive to provide the public with access to records within the statutory guidelines of the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA).

HB 2188 will place an additional burden on many communities that do not currently have an official city web site. This bill will require those cities to invest in and maintain a web site for the sole purpose of meeting the new requirements.

Many cities perform business recruitment through non-profits that would be subject to this bill. By requiring public disclosure the confidential information necessary to compete with surrounding states would be compromised.

LKM and its members recognize the intent of HB 2188 is well intended but, believe this bill places to great a burden on local governments to meet the new requirements. LKM respectfully requests that the committee members reject this bill and not pass it out of committee.