



To: House Local Government Committee

From: Erik Sartorius

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RE: Support for HB 2163

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2163 on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities.

Organizations today, whether public or private, are seeking ways to provide products more efficiently. Municipal government is no different. Many of our members are working with their counterparts to provide municipal services in a more cost-effective manner.

In seeking such efficiencies, current law prescribes in most instances the creation of an interlocal agreement. The statute then slows down this process by requiring a review of such agreement by the Attorney General's office.

HB 2163 proposes to streamline collaboration between local units of government. It does so by expanding the list of entities which simply may enter into contracts with one another, rather than utilizing the more time-consuming interlocal agreement process. As local governments seek to meet the needs of citizens with limited resources, we encourage the legislature to allow local governments to work together in the most efficient manner.

The League asks that you report HB 2163 favorably to the full House.