



Date: February 10, 2015
To: House Committee on Taxation
From: Larry R. Baer
Legal Counsel
Re: HB 2196
Testimony in Support

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today and present testimony in support of House Bill 2196 on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and its member cities.

House Bill 2196 amends current law regarding abandoned personal property and permits "government entities", which includes cities, to use or dispose of property valued at \$20 or less as the government entity sees fit. It is our opinion that HB 2196 has the potential to have a positive fiscal impact upon Kansas cities. The bill would minimize record keeping and eliminate the need to transfer abandoned property to the state unclaimed property fund and, in addition, allow the city to convert the property to its use.

For these reasons we support HB 2196 and ask that you pass it out favorably.

I will stand for questions.