

To: House Local Government
From: Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs Director
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Re: HB 2099 – Permitting Periodic Inspections for Property Receiving Government Funds
Proponent – Written Only

Thank you to the Chair and committee for an opportunity to provide this testimony.

The League of Kansas Municipalities, and cities of Kansas, are concerned about a growing problem of for-profit landlords accepting government funds, who then fail to use those funds appropriately and allow properties to diminish to the point of creating uninhabitable situations for Kansans. HB 2099 is an effort to address this growing problem.

There are cases where the federal or state government is providing funds to property owners, then failing to follow up as required. This creates a situation in which taxpayer funds are being used on a property without any oversight or follow-up to ensure the money is being spent as intended and that tenants' properties are being maintained. This bill allows local governments to step in when federal and state agencies fail.

This bill does not tread on the rights of any citizen. They still must approve entry to a living space, or inspectors would have to get a warrant to enter, which is current law.

This bill is intended to be specific to Shawnee County and Topeka. The League appreciates this limited scope. It allows cities, if they choose, to participate in the program, while not opting in cities that are not interested. This is a measured approach.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. I am always available to provide additional information and answer questions.



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