

To: House Taxation Committee
From: Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs Director
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RE: HB 2024 – Firefighter Cancer Screening Tax Credit
Proponent – Written Testimony

The League of Kansas Municipalities supports HB 2024 as a sensible approach to continued tax policy and an important opportunity to support the health and well-being of Kansas firefighters. Firefighting is a high-risk profession essential to the safety of Kansans. Most firefighters are employed by municipalities and any opportunity to provide them with additional benefits to assist in staying healthy is important to cities.

HB 2024 encourages screenings, making them more accessible and increasing the probability of early detection. Incentivizing this preventative care helps with long-term health and reduces health care costs overall.

Firefighters are on the front lines of emergencies, putting their health and safety at risk to protect others. Many cities provide health insurance benefits, but any additional add-ons that strengthen those programs – especially in rural areas – and help retain employee’s long term are critical. When firefighters can stay healthier and recover from health conditions more effectively, they can continue their important work, improving community safety overall.

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



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