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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 13, 2025

Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2220

House Bill 2220 permits local authorities with jurisdiction over city residence districts to lower the speed limit in such districts to 25 miles per hour without an engineering and traffic investigation.

HB 2220 amends K.S.A. 8-1560, a statute that allows local authorities to increase or decrease general speed limits for certain districts and highways within the local authorities jurisdiction. Currently, local authorities can reduce the maximum speed limit in a residence district to 20 miles per hour after the speed limit is determined to be reasonable and safe based on an engineering and traffic investigation. "Residence district" is a defined term in K.S.A. 8-1456 and means the territory contiguous to and including a highway not comprising a business district when the property on such highway for a distance of 300 feet or more is improved, in the main, with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.

HB 2220 would allow local authorities with jurisdiction over city residence districts to decrease the maximum speed limit in such districts to 25 miles per house without an engineering and traffic investigation.

If enacted, the provisions of HB 2220 become effective upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.