

To: House Committee on Water

From: Wendi Stark, Legislative Liaison

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RE: Proponent Testimony on HB 2112 – In Person Testimony

We want to thank Chairman Minnix and the members of the Committee for affording the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2633.

Delivering clean and safe water is an essential service all cities provide to the 84% of Kansans who live in a municipality. The public water supply system is vital to our residents. The League of Kansas Municipalities supports the elimination of the \$25 certification fee limit (adopted in the 1970s). In addition, the League supports additional certification testing resources.

Quality and quantity of drinking water is a concern for cities across the state. Our members support a clean and safe public water supply and the protection of public health and aquatic life. As such, our members have directed us, through our Statement of Municipal Policy, to support programs that encourage clean and safe public water. Certified operators are essential to our cities in providing clean and safe public water.

The League supports HB 2112 and asks this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.