

To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Eric B. Smith, Deputy General Counsel

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RE: Support for Substitute for SB 22 **[Written Only]**

I want to thank Chairman Barker and the Committee for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities to provide written testimony in support of Substitute for SB 22.

The League is in support of this bill because it requires some needed communication between District Courts and Municipal Courts. Under current law there is no process for a Municipal Court to be notified of action taken by a District Court concerning cases that originate in the Municipal Court. This bill corrects that missing step so that the records of the Municipal Court can correctly reflect the District Courts orders of expungement of convictions appealed to the District Court as well as keeping the Municipal Court notified of the results of the original appeal of cases to the District Court.

The League supports this added layer of notification so that all Municipal Court records can be accurate and assure that records subject to an expungement order are properly removed. Based on these reasons the League of Kansas Municipalities respectfully requests the Committee pass out Substitute for SB 22 favorably for passage.