

Date: March 22, 2017

To: House Committee on Commerce, Labor
and Economic Development

From: Larry R. Baer
General Counsel

Re: Senate Bill 55
Testimony – Neutral - Oral

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to present testimony on SB 55 on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and our member cities.

The League appeared in opposition to SB 55 when it was heard by the Senate Commerce Committee. Our opposition was based upon the fact that the threshold to require a bond was for a project of \$25,000 or more. The League believed that this was an unrealistic low amount because most of the project to be considered for P-3 treatment would be multi-million dollar projects.

The League proposed amending the bill in committee to increase the amount. The proponents were in agreement. SB 55, as passed from the Senate Commerce Committee reflects the parties agreed upon amendment, increasing the amount from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Based upon the Senate amendment, the League of Kansas Municipalities withdraws its opposition to SB 55 and now stands neutral on the bill, as amended.