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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary in Support of HB2571
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Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members,

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports HB2571 as amended by the House – Regulating access to certain law enforcement audio and video recordings.

This bill narrowly defines who may have access to a law enforcement audio and/or video recording. It states that the recording is a criminal investigation record as defined in K.S.A. 45-217, and amendments thereto. This preserves the evidentiary nature of the recording keeping key constitutional safeguards in place for all involved, while at the same time allowing the subject of the recording or the heir at law to view/listen to the recording. It also provides a reasonable time frame to comply with such a request.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office asks that you recommend this bill favorable for passage, without amendments, should you work the bill.

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