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Thank you, Chairman Tarwater, Vice-Chair Corbet, and Committee for allowing me the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2314 today.

That is not the first time this bill has appeared under the Dome of the Capitol. In fact, it passed both chambers in 2016, Senate 32-8 and House 85-40 before the governor's veto.

1. House Bill 2314 would allow approved not-for-profit organization to petition a district court for order to temporary possession of a property if the property meets certain criteria.
2. 12-1750 Unsafe Or Dangerous Structures; Abandoned Property; Definitions.
 - a. Case: Tingle vs. City of Wichita, razing for failure to commence repairs of condemned structure; property, question of fact.

12-1751 Power of Governing;

12-1752 Notice and Hearing;

12-1753 Findings; and Resolution; Contents; Notice;

12-1754 Duties of Owner After Removal of Structure;

12-1755 Salvage, Sale, Assessment and Alterations of Costs, Procedure;

12-1756 Immediate hazards; actions to protect public; notice not required

- (a) Re-Habilitation of abandoned property; petition for possession; service of process; Affirmative Defense; Rehabilitation; Plan: Lease Property,
- (b) Annual Report; Contents,
- (c) Procedure To Obtain Possession By Owner; Hearing;
- (d) Organization's Right To Redeem;
- (e) Petition For Judicial Deed; Conditions;
- (f) Organizations Interested in Rehabilitating Abandoned Property.

1. 12-1752 Enforcing office finds property and files with governing body;

2. 12-1752 Publish once each week for two consecutive weeks on the same day each week. At least 30 days shall elapse between last publication and the date set for hearing. Certified mail within 3 days after its first publication to each such owner, agent, lien holder and occupant at last known address and shall be marked "deliver to addresses only."

3. 12-1753 Hear evidence submitted by the owner, the owner's agent, lien holder of record and occupants having interest in such structure plus enforcing official statement. The court will concur and render their verdict.
4. 12-1754 Owner will be responsible for addressing property back to normal;
5. 16-1756(a) Property declared abandoned. Organization intends to rehabilitate the property for low and moderate income families.

At any time during the rehabilitation, the owner can reclaim the property with the understanding that they pay all taxes, levies, and cost of rehab up to that point.

If the property has finished the rehabilitation, the court then issues the title to the organization.

I would ask for your yes vote for House Bill 2314.