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Police Pursuits HB 2065

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports House Bill 2065 because police pursuits are an important public safety tool. HB 2065 will remove confusion surrounding the legal liabilities cities and law enforcement may face.

The City of Kansas City Kansas has real world experience demonstrating the importance of being able to pursue possible criminals. In 2014, under a previous Chief of Police, the KCK Police Department stopped police pursuits. Over a two year period, the number of drive-by shootings increased from 196 in a year to 286.

At the same time, arrests for various crimes dropped from 164 to 95.

The graphic on the reverse side of this page illustrates the dramatic change.

Police pursuits are a necessary function of government and law enforcement. It needs to be made clear that such pursuits should be covered by the Kansas Tort Claims Act.