Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Proponent to SB 319
February 4, 2020

Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members,

The Kansas Sheriff's Association submits testimony as a proponent of SB 319.

The proposed change in SB 319 that states: "delivered to a custodial officer of the court in <u>the</u> county in the state <u>where such bond was issued</u>" replaces the currently language of: "delivered to a custodial officer of the court in <u>any</u> county in the state in which such person is <u>charged</u>." Currently, a person under bond in Ford County that is re-arrested by a bonding agent in Osage County can/will book the person into the Osage County jail. This causes the Ford County Sheriff to send deputies to transport the inmate back to Ford County.

The KSA believes the bonding agent who posted the bond is responsible for transporting the inmate back to the county where the inmate is charged. This expense should be the responsibility of the bonding agent who posted the bond and was able to secure the inmate being released from jail. There are expenses to county jails that include paying for two deputies to safely transport the inmate, fuel and vehicle maintenance. KSA believes this expense should be the responsibility of the bonding agent.

The Kansas Sheriff's Association is a proponent of this bill as written. We thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

After this bill was introduced, a discussion with Rep. Owens led to an amended wording for the bill. That recommended amended language is ". . .delivered to a custodial officer of the court in <u>the</u> county in the state where the complaint subject to the bond was filed." We agree that or similar language would be preferred.

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