

To: Senate Committee on Transportation

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RE: Neutral Testimony HB 2014 - Written

We want to thank Chairman Petersen and the Committee members for giving the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to present neutral testimony on HB 2014.

HB 2014 allows for military surplus vehicles, other than tracked vehicles, to be registered and driven on Kansas roads. This Committee held a hearing in January on SB 18 containing the same language.

The League is neutral as to whether, in general, military surplus vehicles should be allowed on Kansas roads. Safety concerns for our cities' roads and people demand that such vehicles comply with size and weight restrictions mandated by the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic. The main difference between this bill and SB 18 heard by this Committee on January 28, is that HB 2014 was amended to exclude tracked vehicles. The League supports this change.

As the bill is now drafted, military surplus vehicles comply with size and weight limits, and tracked vehicles are excluded. These provisions answer the safety concerns that the League had with the version of this bill referred to this committee in the 2020 session, and we thank those responsible for introducing these welcome changes.