To: House Committee on Legislative Modernization

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Re: Proponent Testimony- HB 2592

Thank you to Chairman Turner and the Committee for affording the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 2592. Our members appreciate the idea and goals of the task force and would like to participate in the task force.

HB 2592 would establish a task force on artificial intelligence and emerging technologies that would study the impacts of artificial intelligence and related emerging technologies and explore the use of artificial intelligence throughout the state to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state and local government. While the legislation as drafted includes representatives of schools, our members are uniquely situated to provide insights the task force is seeking for the improved efficiency and effectiveness of local government.

Artificial intelligence is everywhere. At the local level, our members are on the front line of managing some of the benefits and drawbacks of artificial intelligence and other emerging trends in technology. With that in mind, we respectfully request that HB 2592 be amended to include a 6th nonvoting member on the task force— a city representative. Our members have the capacity to provide information and feedback to the task force and would welcome the opportunity to assist the state in making findings and recommendations related to artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.

The League is grateful for the opportunity to weigh in on HB 2592. We respectfully request that the Committee consider an amendment that would add a city representative to the proposed task force.

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