

To: House Transportation Committee
From: Wendi Stark, Legislative Liaison
Date: February 12, 2025
RE: HB 2220 Proponent – In-Person Testimony

We want to thank Chairman Francis and the Committee members for giving the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2220.

HB 2220 concerns traffic regulations specifically related to permitting local authorities with jurisdiction over residence districts the ability to reduce the maximum speed limit to 25 miles per hour in their respective residence districts without an engineering and traffic investigation.

We understand that the main concern is to promote safety on residential streets. The League believes this bill supports our members' Constitutional Home Rule powers and their ability to address issues in a way that is responsive to their residents. The League supports allowing cities to adopt ordinances that best meet the safety of their residents which also promote cost-savings.

The League has published the *Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities* since 1960, which in large part parallels the state traffic act. It is designed to provide a comprehensive traffic code for Kansas cities and includes all statutory traffic ordinances.

We appreciate the efforts of the House Transportation Committee and Legislature to support the safety residents in Kansas cities. The League of Kansas Municipalities supports HB 2220 and asks this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.