

To: House Water Committee

From: Wendi Stark, Legislative Liaison

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RE: Proponent Testimony on HB 2462 – Oral In-Person Testimony

We want to thank Chairman Minnix and the members of the Committee for affording the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2462.

One of the biggest concerns we hear from our member cities concerns water. Across the entire state, access to water is a consideration that factors in growth and economic development in our cities. As such, our members have directed us, through our Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP), to support programs that encourage access to water. One of our top legislative priorities states,

Access to water is paramount for the continued growth and viability of our communities. Government, at all levels, should aggressively pursue the conservation, protection, and development of current and future water supplies to ensure access to clean, safe, and affordable water for all Kansas residents. We support state action, in consultation with municipal providers, to address surface and groundwater resources. **We support the development of standards and an approval process for the re-use of wastewater effluent for consumer use.**

HB 2462 aligns with this statement, specifically the adoption of rules and regulations allowing for direct and indirect potable reuse of treated wastewater. Our members added re-use as a priority to our SMP several years ago. Since the addition, we and our members have requested guidance from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Quality and quantity of drinking water is a concern for cities across the state. Our members support a clean and safe public water supply and the protection of public health and aquatic life. Re-use is not limited to one specific area in the state but is supported by cities in every region of the state.

The League supports HB 2462 and asks this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.