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Testimony in Support of HB 2558

Thank you, Chairman Minnix and members of the committee, for scheduling a hearing and the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2558. Kansas Municipal Utilities is pleased to stand as an organization in support of the bill.

Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) is the statewide association representing Kansas cities and other public or not-for-profit organizations involved in the ownership and operation of publicly owned utilities across Kansas. Formed in 1928, KMU provides assistance and information to members regarding workforce training and educational programs, mutual aid, regulatory and legislative assistance and numerous other services toward the advancement of municipal utilities to achieve maximum benefits for the customer-owners served by our utilities. Our membership ranges in size from some of the largest utilities in the state such as those operated by the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities and the City of Wichita down to some of the smallest utility systems serving fewer than 100 customers.

Kansas Municipal Utilities supports HB 2558 and the proposed increase general fund transfer into the State Water Plan. This increase in annual transfers aligns with the original intended funding of the Water Plan as established decades ago, attempting to restore funds to the levels necessary to support water supply planning and project implementation across Kansas. These funds are critical in addressing the historic and current needs of communities and watersheds in Kansas.

KMU has worked with numerous water supply utilities across Kansas who have been the recipients of the necessary and needed financial assistance through the State Water Plan. This funding is critical in assisting communities with infrastructure projects that extend the water supplies and protect the health of the citizens they serve. Thank you for addressing this necessary financial need.

KMU is proud to support HB 2558.