

To: House Water Committee

From: Wendi Stark, Legislative Liaison

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RE: Proponent Testimony on HB 2558 – 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 2558.

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 into growth and economic development in our cities. As such, our members have directed us, through our Statement of Municipal Policy, to support programs that encourage access to water. One of our top legislative priority's 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.

HB 2558 aligns with this statement and provides additional funding streams for water infrastructure across the state.

First, HB 2558 would increase funding in the water technical assistance fund from \$5 million to \$15.5 million per year. The technical assistance fund provides grants to municipalities for engineering, grant applications and management, and other technical assistance. This fund allows all cities an opportunity to address their specific water infrastructure needs in their communities.

Second, HB 2558 would increase funding in the water projects grant fund from \$12 million to \$22.5 million per year. This program allows for the construction, repair, maintenance, or replacement of water related infrastructure. In addition, these funds could be used for matching funds for loan or grant applications.

Finally, HB 2558 would extend the sunset of HB 2302 from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2028.

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. In addition, our members support broad-based revenue sources and distribution for the state Water Plan Fund. Increased funding for the water technical assistance fund and the water projects grant fund are tools available to any city willing and able to utilize it. These tools have been extremely valuable for those cities who need the most assistance to access safe and clean drinking water. In FY 2024 and 2025, out of the 219 municipalities who have applied for grants, 82 (37.4%) cities have been awarded grants. Further, the Kansas Water Office received 281 applications, totaling \$272 M, with \$18 M to award in FY 2026, which demonstrates the need for additional funding.

The need for water funding is statewide. The following table shows the number of applications by region:

Region	Number of Cities	Number of Applicants	% of City Applicants by Region	% of City Applicants by Number of Cities in Region
North East	135	54	24.7%	40.0%
South East	114	40	18.3%	35.1%
North Central	111	42	19.2%	37.8%
South Central	146	38	17.4%	26.0%
North West	74	30	13.7%	40.5%
South West	45	15	6.8%	33.3%

Documentation on the following pages show the number of cities who have applied and those cities who have been awarded for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

The League supports HB 2558 and asks this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.

Organization	Population	Region	2024 Application	2025 Application
Allen city	162	NE	Yes	Yes
Alma city	822	NE	No	Yes
Anthony city	2,069	SC	Yes	Yes
Arlington city	431	SC	No	Yes
Ashland city	724	SW	No	Yes
Atchison city	10,670	NE	Yes	Yes
Atwood city	1,242	NW	Yes	No
Aurora city	54	NC	Yes	Yes
Bartlett city	70	SE	No	Yes
Belle Plaine city	1,452	SC	Yes	Yes
Belleville city	1,987	NC	Yes	No
Beloit city	3,358	NC	Yes	No
Bentley city	572	SC	Yes	No
Bern city	160	NE	Yes	No
Bird City city	446	NW	Yes	No
Blue Mound city	222	SE	Yes	Yes
Blue Rapids city	924	NE	Yes	No
Bonner Springs city	7,621	NE	Yes	Yes
Brewster city	287	NW	Yes	No
Bronson city	307	SE	No	Yes
Buhler city	1,315	SC	No	Yes
Bunker Hill city	110	NW	No	Yes
Burden city	508	SC	Yes	No
Burlington city	2,593	SE	Yes	No
Burr Oak city	136	NC	Yes	No
Caldwell city	1,008	SC	Yes	Yes
Caney city	1,732	SE	Yes	Yes
Canton city	665	NC	Yes	No
Cawker City city	453	NC	Yes	Yes
Centralia city	492	NE	Yes	Yes
Chanute city	8,468	SE	Yes	Yes
Chase city	389	SC	No	Yes
Chetopa city	911	SE	Yes	Yes
Cimarron city	1,994	SW	Yes	No
Coffeyville city	8,570	SE	Yes	Yes
Colby city	5,589	NW	Yes	Yes
Collyer city	93	NW	No	Yes
Columbus city	2,870	SE	No	Yes
Colwich city	1,453	SC	Yes	No
Cottonwood Falls city	854	NC	Yes	Yes
Cuba city	138	NC	Yes	Yes
Deerfield city	683	SW	Yes	No
Delia city	152	NE	Yes	Yes
De Soto city	6,539	NE	No	Yes
Dexter city	231	SC	Yes	Yes
Downs city	790	NW	Yes	No
Dwight city	213	NC	No	Yes

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Edgerton city	1,718	NE	Yes	Yes
Effingham city	484	NE	Yes	Yes
El Dorado city	12,919	SC	Yes	No
Elkhart city	1,800	SW	No	Yes
Ellis city	1,921	NW	Yes	Yes
Ellsworth city	3,133	NC	Yes	No
Emmett city	170	NE	Yes	Yes
Emporia city	24,105	NE	Yes	Yes
Esbon city	66	NC	Yes	No
Eskridge city	437	NE	No	Yes
Eudora	6,466	NE	No	Yes
Fall River city	127	SE	Yes	No
Fontana city	226	SE	Yes	No
Formoso city	90	NC	Yes	No
Fort Scott city	7,565	SE	No	Yes
Fowler city	514	SW	Yes	Yes
Frankfort city	717	NE	Yes	Yes
Fredonia city	2,073	SE	Yes	Yes
Frontenac city	3,372	SE	No	Yes
Garnett city	3,197	SE	Yes	Yes
Girard city	2,465	SE	No	Yes
Glen Elder city	362	NC	Yes	Yes
Goddard city	5,708	SC	Yes	Yes
Goff city	105	NE	No	Yes
Gorham city	383	NW	No	Yes
Gove City city	80	NW	Yes	Yes
Grainfield city	319	NW	Yes	Yes
Great Bend city	14,372	SC	No	Yes
Greeley city	274	SE	Yes	No
Green city	95	NC	Yes	No
Haddam city	108	NC	Yes	Yes
Halstead city	2,138	SC	No	Yes
Hamilton city	181	SE	Yes	Yes
Harper city	1,304	SC	Yes	Yes
Hartford city	360	NE	No	Yes
Harveyville city	178	NE	Yes	Yes
Haviland city	661	SC	No	Yes
Hays city	21,040	NW	Yes	Yes
Haysville city	11,268	SC	Yes	No
Herington city	2,098	NC	Yes	Yes
Highland city	922	NE	No	Yes
Hill City city	1,385	NW	Yes	Yes
Holton city	3,382	NE	Yes	Yes
Hugoton city	3,613	SW	No	Yes
Humboldt city	1,816	SE	Yes	Yes
Huron city	72	NE	No	Yes
Hutchinson city	39,662	SC	Yes	Yes

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Independence city	8,315	SE	Yes	No
Iola city	5,318	SE	Yes	No
Jamestown city	234	NC	No	Yes
Junction city city	21,856	NC	No	Yes
Kanopolis city	431	NC	No	Yes
Kansas City BPU	165,281	NE	Yes	Yes
Kensington city	404	NW	Yes	Yes
Kismet city	332	SW	No	Yes
La Cygne city	1,035	SE	Yes	Yes
La Harpe city	488	SE	Yes	Yes
Larned city	3,675	SC	Yes	Yes
Latham city	100	SC	No	Yes
Leavenworth city	37,034	NE	Yes	No
Lecompton city	595	NE	No	Yes
Legh city	160	NC	No	Yes
Lenora city	200	NW	Yes	Yes
Leon city	662	SC	Yes	Yes
Leonardville city	429	NE	Yes	Yes
LeRoy city	444	SE	No	Yes
Lewis city	376	SC	Yes	Yes
Liberal city	18,999	SW	No	Yes
Liberty city	95	SE	Yes	Yes
Liebenthal city	87	SC	No	Yes
Linn city	384	NC	Yes	No
Logan city	436	NW	Yes	No
Longford city	71	NC	No	Yes
Longton city	283	SE	No	Yes
Luray city	164	NW	No	Yes
Mahaska city	43	NC	Yes	No
Maize city	6,802	SC	No	Yes
Mankato city	813	NC	Yes	No
Maple Hill city	634	NE	Yes	No
Marion city	1,898	NC	Yes	Yes
Marysville city	3,405	NE	Yes	No
McDonald city	117	NW	Yes	No
McPherson city	13,906	NC	Yes	Yes
Milford city	388	NC	Yes	Yes
Miltonvale city	439	NC	Yes	No
Moran city	465	SE	Yes	No
Moscow city	260	SW	No	Yes
Moundridge	1,955	NC	No	Yes
Narka city	81	NC	Yes	No
Natoma city	296	NW	No	Yes
Neodesha city	2,196	SE	Yes	No
Ness City city	1,311	SW	Yes	No
Norcatour city	158	NW	No	Yes
North Newton city	1,787	SC	Yes	Yes

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Nortonville city	591	NE	Yes	Yes
Oakley city	1,982	NW	Yes	Yes
Oberlin city	1,605	NW	Yes	Yes
Ogden city	1,628	NE	Yes	No
Oketo city	64	NE	No	Yes
Olathe city	147,461	NE	Yes	Yes
Olsburg city	223	NE	Yes	No
Onaga city	675	NE	Yes	Yes
Osborne city	1,303	NW	Yes	No
Oswego city	1,637	SE	Yes	Yes
Overbrook city	984	NE	Yes	No
Ozawkie city	627	NE	No	Yes
Palco city	203	NW	No	Yes
Parsons city	9,362	SE	Yes	Yes
Paxico city	210	NE	Yes	No
Peabody city	920	NC	Yes	No
Perry city	851	NE	Yes	No
Pittsburg city	20,504	SE	No	Yes
Plainville city	1,698	NW	Yes	Yes
Potwin city	422	SC	Yes	Yes
Pratt city	6,546	SC	Yes	Yes
Preston city	118	SC	No	Yes
Pretty Prairie city	653	SC	Yes	Yes
Princeton city	254	SE	Yes	No
Protection city	487	SC	Yes	Yes
Quenemo city	287	NE	Yes	No
Quinter city	948	NW	Yes	Yes
Randall city	78	NC	No	Yes
Randolph city	156	NE	Yes	Yes
Rantoul city	171	SE	Yes	No
Reading city	183	NE	Yes	No
Republic city	79	NC	Yes	No
Rexford city	197	NW	No	Yes
Robinson city	175	NE	No	Yes
Rolla city	371	SW	Yes	Yes
Rossville city	1,090	NE	Yes	No
Rozel city	99	SC	No	Yes
Russell city	4,400	NW	Yes	Yes
Scott City city	3,931	SW	Yes	No
Seneca city	2,142	NE	Yes	No
Severy city	198	SE	Yes	Yes
Sharon Springs city	751	NW	No	Yes
Solomon city	1,000	NC	No	Yes
Spring Hill city	9,689	SE	Yes	No
St. George city	1,122	NE	Yes	Yes
St. John city	1,171	SC	No	Yes
St. Paul city	603	SE	Yes	Yes

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Sterling city	2,275	SC	No	Yes
Strong City city	388	NC	Yes	Yes
Sylvan Grove city	288	NC	No	Yes
Sylvia city	211	SC	Yes	Yes
Tescott city	264	NC	Yes	Yes
Thayer city	425	SE	No	Yes
Timken city	36	SC	Yes	No
Tipton city	189	NC	Yes	No
Toronto city	205	SE	No	Yes
Towanda city	1,439	SC	No	Yes
Tribune city	713	SW	Yes	No
Troy city	966	NE	Yes	Yes
Ulysses city	5,616	SW	No	Yes
Utica city	98	SW	Yes	Yes
Valley Center city	7,347	SC	No	Yes
Valley Falls city	1,075	NE	Yes	Yes
WaKeeney city	1,745	NW	Yes	Yes
Wakefield city	843	NC	Yes	Yes
Wamego city	4,846	NE	Yes	No
Washington city	1,065	NC	Yes	Yes
Waterville city	652	NE	Yes	No
Wellsville city	1,930	NE	Yes	No
West Mineral city	148	SE	Yes	Yes
Westmoreland city	723	NE	Yes	No
White Cloud city	117	NE	Yes	No
Williamsburg city	386	SE	Yes	No
Willis city	23	NE	No	Yes
Willowbrook city	71	SC	Yes	No
Wilson city	837	NC	Yes	No
Winchester city	447	NE	Yes	Yes
Windom city	89	NC	No	Yes
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Organization	Population	Region	2024 Application	2025 Application	Funded Amount	Year Funded
Atwood city	1,242	NW	Yes	No	\$ 2,305,980	2024
Bern city	160	NE	Yes	No	\$ 30,250	2024
Burden city	508	SC	Yes	No	\$ 823,055	2024
Burr Oak city	136	NC	Yes	No	\$ 1,028,749	2024
Chetopa city	911	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 3,704,506	2024
Deerfield city	683	SW	Yes	No	\$ 464,000	2024
Dexter city	231	SC	Yes	Yes	\$ 159,500	2024
Downs city	790	NW	Yes	No	\$ 336,303	2024
Effingham city	484	NE	Yes	Yes	\$ 300,000	2024
Fowler city	514	SW	Yes	Yes	\$ 70,000	2024
Harveyville city	178	NE	Yes	Yes	\$ 75,650	2024
Logan city	436	NW	Yes	No	\$ 500,000	2024
Mankato city	813	NC	Yes	No	\$ 461,548	2024
McDonald city	117	NW	Yes	No	\$ 150,000	2024
Milford city	388	NC	Yes	Yes	\$ 388,000	2024
Miltonvale city	439	NC	Yes	No	\$ 352,500	2024
Moran city	465	SE	Yes	No	\$ 141,275	2024
Ness City city	1,311	SW	Yes	No	\$ 130,919	2024
Ogden city	1,628	NE	Yes	No	\$ 404,710	2024
Osborne city	1,303	NW	Yes	No	\$ 92,390	2024
Paxico city	210	NE	Yes	No	\$ 618,240	2024
Protection city	487	SC	Yes	Yes	\$ 78,000	2024
Randolph city	156	NE	Yes	Yes	\$ 625,000	2024
Republic city	79	NC	Yes	No	\$ 202,400	2024
St. Paul city	603	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 505,000	2024
Tescott city	264	NC	Yes	Yes	\$ 407,500	2024
Timken city	36	SC	Yes	No	\$ 385,035	2024
Wakefield city	843	NC	Yes	Yes	\$ 2,521,440	2024
Waterville city	652	NE	Yes	No	\$ 53,092	2024
Williamsburg city	386	SE	Yes	No	\$ 84,292	2024
Wilson city	837	NC	Yes	No	\$ 88,553	2024
Alma city	822	NE	No	Yes	\$ 575,600	2025
Bartlett city	70	SE	No	Yes	\$ 416,310	2025
Blue Mound city	222	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 517,000	2025
Bronson city	307	SE	No	Yes	\$ 307,075	2025
Bunker Hill city	110	NW	No	Yes	\$ 176,200	2025
Cawker City city	453	NC	Yes	Yes	\$ 241,650	2025
Chase city	389	SC	No	Yes	\$ 366,100	2025
Collyer city	93	NW	No	Yes	\$ 13,745	2025
Cuba city	138	NC	Yes	Yes	\$ 344,000	2025
Ellis city	1,921	NW	Yes	Yes	\$ 83,400	2025
Girard city	2,465	SE	No	Yes	\$ 1,289,800	2025
Goff city	105	NE	No	Yes	\$ 94,850	2025
Gorham city	383	NW	No	Yes	\$ 59,506	2025
Gove City city	80	NW	Yes	Yes	\$ 132,110	2025

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Hamilton city	181	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 467,000	2025
Harper city	1,304	SC	Yes	Yes	\$ 83,800	2025
Hartford city	360	NE	No	Yes	\$ 68,000	2025
Harveyville city	178	NE	Yes	Yes	\$1,272,556	2025
Hill City city	1,385	NW	Yes	Yes	\$ 1,011,696	2025
Humboldt city	1,816	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 3,000,000	2025
Huron city	72	NE	No	Yes	\$ 610,805	2025
Kanopolis city	431	NC	No	Yes	\$ 1,196,141	2025
Kensington city	404	NW	Yes	Yes	\$ 197,008	2025
Kismet city	332	SW	No	Yes	\$ 146,500	2025
La Harpe city	488	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 750,000	2025
Lecompton city	595	NE	No	Yes	\$ 125,000	2025
Leon city	662	SC	Yes	Yes	\$ 250,000	2025
Leonardville city	429	NE	Yes	Yes	\$ 289,140	2025
LeRoy city	444	SE	No	Yes	\$ 102,000	2025
Liberty city	95	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 25,000	2025
Liebenthal city	87	SC	No	Yes	\$ 24,103	2025
Marion city	1,898	NC	Yes	Yes	\$ 50,000	2025
Moscow city	260	SW	No	Yes	\$ 635,300	2025
Moundridge	1,955	NC	No	Yes	\$ 542,000	2025
Norcatour city	158	NW	No	Yes	\$ 134,700	2025
Onaga city	675	NE	Yes	Yes	\$ 192,490	2025
Ozawkie city	627	NE	No	Yes	\$ 45,000	2025
Palco city	203	NW	No	Yes	\$ 500,000	2025
Parsons city	9,362	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 92,000	2025
Plainville city	1,698	NW	Yes	Yes	\$ 107,027	2025
Potwin city	422	SC	Yes	Yes	\$ 52,180	2025
Pretty Prairie city	653	SC	Yes	Yes	\$ 33,651	2025
Quinter city	948	NW	Yes	Yes	\$ 350,000	2025
Randall city	78	NC	No	Yes	\$ 38,300	2025
St. John city	1,171	SC	No	Yes	\$ 531,772	2025
Sylvan Grove city	288	NC	No	Yes	\$ 148,400	2025
Sylvia city	211	SC	Yes	Yes	\$ 304,900	2025
Toronto city	205	SE	No	Yes	\$ 250,400	2025
Troy city	966	NE	Yes	Yes	\$ 824,520	2025
West Mineral city	148	SE	Yes	Yes	\$33,000	2025
West Mineral city	148	SE	Yes	Yes	\$ 664,000	2025