

To: Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee
From: Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs Director
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Re: SB 195 – Property Tax Task Force
Neutral – Written Only

Thank you to the Chair and committee for an opportunity to provide this testimony.

The League of Kansas Municipalities, and cities of Kansas, have in our 2025 legislative priorities the development of a Property Tax Task Force by the Kansas Legislature. We believe this complex system needs careful study and that a task force could meet between now and the 2026 session and bring back comprehensive recommendations touching on the many different levels that impact property tax rates.

The League is neutral on SB 195, because while we appreciate the legislation and believe it is a step in the right direction, it can be improved. The task force outlined in SB 195 consists solely of Legislators. The League would ask this body to consider a task force that would include legislators, but also appraisers, city and county officials, tax experts and others. A broad task force consisting of experts with a grasp of the overall issues and complexities on the issue and others directly involved in the direct application of property taxes on the local levels would lead to more comprehensive and sustainable solutions.

We appreciate the committee taking up this issue and understanding that a task force would be a key step in the process. If SB 195 moves forward, we look forward to working with the task force in the future.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. I am always available to provide additional information and answer questions.



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