

HB2347

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Madam Chair and Committee,

I support this legislation; however, I believe it should be amended. One of the responsibilities of our government as a Constitutional Republic is to restrain evil doers. [1] Unfortunately, this necessary stance has been diluted or abdicated over the years as people desire more and more to avoid accountability. Our sight of the true purpose of government fades as we abandon the founding design of life, family, property and liberty, which is freedom with morality. [2] An individual's unalienable rights (imparted by God and NOT government) should be protected from all threats, both foreign and domestic, where the rule of Law in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States is a primary function of our government. [3]

To maintain order and provide security, strong initial penalties for crimes should be used to discourage criminal activity. The contemporary notion that someone will change his or her ways because of a toothless penalty, including diversion or probation, is tragic, regardless of if the behavior or action is the deprivation of other's property or any other crime. [4] In fact, the lack of a swift and certain response of governmental punishment will likely embolden those who engage in shady property depriving behavior through the further development of deception and manipulation tactics along with the repeated desire for the "high" of risk taking. To avoid this gateway to harder criminal behaviors, the "rod of government" should not be spared as a mitigative tool, just like the "rod" applied in love, by a father and a mother, in the home. This does however require the foundation of created and designed Life and Family, which would in turn decrease the need for the government's sword and the prison beds that follow.

I support actions by this legislature, including language changes regarding culpability issues and regardless of short-term bed impact or the burden for district courts, that would increase penalties for crimes against Laws made in pursuance to the Constitution of the United States and that would effect a lasting plan to deter crime and protect the property of the citizens of Kansas, especially the victim suffering the undue burden of property crime.

Thank You

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1. [The Purpose of American Civil Government - American Heritage Education Foundation, Inc.](#)
2. [The Law of Nature in the Declaration: The Universal Moral Law of Mankind - American Heritage Education Foundation, Inc.](#)
3. [The American Defense of Unalienable Rights in the Declaration - American Heritage Education Foundation, Inc.](#)
4. [Prosecutors like Krasner Go Soft-on-Crime and It Has Consequences for Cities - LELDF](#)