

To: Senate Committee on Utilities
From: Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs Director
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RE: SB 68 – Right of First Refusal
Neutral – Written Testimony

Thank you to the Chair and Committee for the opportunity to provide this testimony today.

The League of Kansas Municipalities supports municipal utilities having the ability to invest in new electric/transmission projects to provide reliable, affordable service to local customers. We are always concerned by any legislation which prohibits competition for transmission projects or impedes on the local authority of municipalities.

SB 68, as currently written, is targeted legislation to projects that do not impact community-owned or operated utilities. For that reason, The League is neutral on SB 68.

However, if the current language of the bill is altered in any way that negatively impacts municipal utilities or alters their ability to be competitive or invest in projects, then The League would be in opposition. Any efforts to broaden or expand the parameters of SB 68 does not have the support of The League.

I am always available to provide more information and answer any questions you may have.



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