

Testimony Before The
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In Support of HB 2094

Presented on behalf of the
Johnson County Board of County Commissioners

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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2094, which amends K.S.A. 12-2908 relating to contracts between municipalities. The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners supports the Bill in its current form.

K.S.A. 12-2908 is a useful tool for cities, counties and townships when entering into agreements to cooperatively perform certain governmental services. Some examples of how Johnson County has used this statute in recent years include information technology services, public road improvements, housing assistance programs, and stormwater management projects.

Due to the limited definition of the word “municipality” in the statute, Johnson County does not have the opportunity to use this statute to enter into similar contracts with local municipalities that are not listed in the statute. The proposed amendment would expand the definition of “municipality” in K.S.A. 12-2908 to include school districts, library districts, road districts, water districts, drainage districts, sewer districts, and fire districts. This change would create more opportunities for cooperative efforts by local governmental entities, leading to enhanced efficiencies, dedicated expertise and cost savings.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments and ask that you support the adoption of HB 2094 in its current form.

Thank you.