

February 12, 2024

Hon. Leo Delperdang Chairman, House Energy, Utility and Telecommunications Committee Room 458-W, Statehouse Topeka, KS 66612

Regarding: HB 2690 911 Board

Dear Chairman Delperdang:

Please accept this written testimony on behalf of T-Mobile regarding Kansas HB 2690. T-Mobile is neutral on HB 2690, but I wanted to provide brief comments to your Committee for their hearing of the bill on February 13th, 2024.

I have served on the current 911 Coordinating Council (CC) for more than eight years as a nonvoting member representing the large wireless carriers. I believe that the current CC has done a great job ensuring that the Kansas 911 system is one of the best in the country. Having served on other state 911 advisory boards, I can say that the Kansas 911 CC diligently represents all the interested groups that make up the CC and has done a great job ensuring that the Kansas 911 system functions properly and utilizes the latest in technology to keep the system up to date. The current state of the Kansas 911 system is very healthy and that is directly attributable to the work of the 911 CC.

HB 2690 will replace the CC with the 911 Board and will continue to utilize the current members of the CC for the new Board. This is imperative as the membership of the current CC is a major part of the success the Kansas 911 system has realized. The bill also makes other necessary updates to the statues related to 911 in Kansas and I understand the desire to move the funds under control of the CC to the State Treasurer like other fee-based funds are in Kansas.

T-Mobile looks forward to working the new Kansas 911 Board and to providing whatever resources are necessary for the Board to function in support of the Kansas 911 system. I personally look forward to working with the Kansas Legislature to help pass HB 2690, to the transition from the CC to the new Board, and to serving on the newly created 911 Board.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony on Kansas HB 2690.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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