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Testimony to the House Judiciary Committee In Support of HB2782

February 15, 2024

Chair Humphries and Committee Members:

The Kansas Sheriffs Association, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police and the Kansas Peace Officers Association supports HB2782. The bill does not change the laws governing the trial court processes or what cases the death penalty may apply to in current law, however it does clarify certain aspects of the appeals process and the method of carrying out the court's order.

We support providing the Department of Corrections with alternative methods of carrying out the court's order in death penalty cases. We also believe the changes to the appeals processes are reasonable and will add clarity to those responsible for carrying out those processes.

We encourage you to move the bill forward favorably.

Sheriff Scott Braun, Ellis County President Kansas Sheriffs Association

Chief Courtney Leslie, Hugoton Police Department President Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police

Amy Osburn, KLETC President Kansas Peace Officers Association

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