

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2316

To: Co-Chairs Brownlee and Jordan

Members of the Senate Commerce Committee

From: Doug Robinson, Finance Director

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Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding HB 2316. The City of Lenexa understands that this bill was introduced in an effort to enable both private businesses as well as all levels of government to work more efficiently and effectively. The City of Lenexa strongly supports this legislation.

Direct deposit and other electronic payment methods such as payroll cards are efficient, commonly accepted business practices, but KSA44-313 requires employee written consent before an employer may pay wages by electronic deposit. NACHA, the Electronic Payments Association, estimates that employers can save up to \$0.60 per payment by using direct deposit instead of paper paychecks. While the City would be able to save taxpayer dollars with this legislation, employees would also benefit by knowing that their wages are accurately and consistently deposited into their personal bank accounts or available on their payroll cards.

The City of Lenexa strongly supports HB 2316 and any other statewide legislation that would aid local governments in becoming more efficient and effective in paying their employees. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if the City of Lenexa can provide you with additional information. Thank you for your consideration.