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Oral, Opponent Testimony before the

House Judiciary Committee

on

HB 2219 Requiring bodies subject to the Kansas open meetings act to record proceedings and make the recordings available to the public.

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear as an opponent on **HB 2219**, Requiring bodies subject to the Kansas open meetings act to record proceedings and make the recordings available to the public.

As we read HB 2219 the bill as drafted would seemingly create a significant burden as to the potential affects for all meetings that would fall under this new technology requirement. School Boards, Sub-Committee and Task Force meetings, District and Building Site Council meetings would be in potential excess of Ten Thousand (10,000) plus meetings annually. Considering this potential operational impact created by this new responsibility we are considered about the lack of direction and specificity in the bill.

- 1) Who is the responsible and liable party for the execution and maintenance of this bill? Is it the body as a whole, the chairperson of such entity, the organization that it falls under?
- 2) How must these "recordings" be made available?
- 3) How long must they be retained and made available?

On final note, we would ask that the committee consider the potential fiscal note that this would require. Thinking of all the bodies that this would affect beyond just the groups we at KASB represent, the potential cost of compliance to the Kansas Taxpayer would be significant. The cost associated with just this body for Live Streaming and storage of data files could be used as example and compounded for the number of bodies this bill would affect.

While we support an open and transparent government, and the ability of individuals, groups or media to attend, record and share public meeting information, this bill as drafted would be an onerous burden both logistically and financially on local organizations and thus the taxpayers of Kansas.

For these reasons, we are opposed to HB 2219 and I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.