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Bill Number: HCR 5014 Proposing a constitutional amendment that provides for legislative oversight of rules and regulations adopted by executive branch agencies and officials.

Disposition: Opponent

Written and Oral Virtual testimony

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**TO:** Chair Senator Kellie Warren and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

The League of Women of Kansas opposes HCR 5014, as an overreach of the Kansas Legislature and blurs the line of responsibility between the Legislative and Executive branches of our government.. Numerous safeguards are already in place for the legislature to oversee the rules and regulations.

Currently, when the Kansas Legislature approves a law which instructs the executive branch to develop rules and regulations, there are a number of checks. The suggested rules are checked by the Division of Budget for fiscal impact. Then the Attorney General determines if there are constitutional issues. Then thirdly, the Secretary of State's office checks for technical and approved form. After these three steps are completed, the proposed rules and regulations are put into the Kansas Register and a required public hearing is set for final adoption.

These steps assure that all avenues are checked for cost, legal correctness and technical form. If the Legislature feels that the proposed rules do not meet the intent of the legislation, then the Legislature can pass a replacement law that more clearly states the intention of the legislature.

We ask you to vote NO on HCR 5014.

I would be happy to answer any questions.