

Testimony
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Mr. Chairman and members of the House Committee on Utilities thank you for allowing me to enter written testimony before the Committee on House Bill 2756. I am John Pinegar and represent Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG), which is a coalition of over 30 western Kansas counties.

KLPG is working in cooperation with the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities in support of House Bill 2756. We believe this legislation will help our member counties to make Wireless E-911 become a reality. Our counties could utilize this legislation. The bill would grant authority to KDOT to purchase and lease to public safety agencies, including local governments, communications equipment. This could be a helpful tool to local governments.

KLPG would like to express appreciation to Chairman Clark and the Members of the Senate Committee on Utilities for your effort to address this issue over the years and we are pleased you have been successful in establishing a mutually agreeable arrangement with KDOT to proceed in this area.

Thank you, for permitting me to submit written testimony.