

To: House Judiciary Committee

From: Eric B. Smith, Deputy General Counsel

Date: March 9, 2016

Re: Written testimony supporting SB 361

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony supporting SB 361. This bill would amend the definition of public record in the Kansas Open Records Act to include any recorded information kept by an officer or employee that relates to public business.

The League was honored to participate in the Judicial Council Open Records Advisory Committee. The Committee thoroughly studied and vetted this bill, and it is the League's opinion that this bill is necessary to ensure an open and transparent government.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests this Committee pass out SB 361 favorably.