

HB 2128  
Committee on Judiciary  
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY  
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**SUPPORT**

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committee:

In 2015, there were at least 30 domestic violence-related homicides in Kansas, representing about 25% of the total number of homicides during that year. This number does not include children or bystanders who may have also been killed. This number does not include rape victims who were murdered before or after they were raped. And, this number certainly does not include the number of Kansans that were horribly impacted by these homicides. Each of these murder victims were members of families, active participants in the community, members of churches, mosques, and synagogues. Many, many people deeply feel the loss of these lives.

As part of its work, KCSDV publishes awareness materials on domestic and sexual violence-related homicides in Kansas. KCSDV also sponsors the "Silent Witness" traveling public awareness display. These life-size silhouettes help tell the stories of those Kansans who have lost their lives as a result of domestic violence and sexual assault. KCSDV works to end domestic and sexual violence deaths in Kansas.

KCSDV has been an original and on-going member of the Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board since 2002. KCSDV supports any efforts to improve the review of these deaths. For these reasons, KCSDV supports HB 2128.

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