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Proponent Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary for HB2536

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Chairman Patton, Vice Chair Ralph, Ranking Member Carmichael, and Members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports **HB2536 - Providing sexual assault survivors with certain rights.**

Victims of sexual assault suffer more than the horror of the crime committed against them. There are long lasting emotional and mental trauma the victim must face. This bill provides some assistance in dealing with these issues and provides clarity for the criminal process that follows.

The added advisories for given by both medical and law enforcement personnel are common sense measures that should be standards for both. Informing the victim of what the procedures are helps them make sense out of what can easily be perceived as a secondary assault.

Responding to these crimes is not easy for any first responder. EMS, Fire, and Law Enforcement also can be traumatized from the aftermath. Providing clear guidelines will help in the response.

We ask the committee to recommend the bill favorable for passage.

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