

To: House Transportation Committee

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RE: Support for HB 2295

Thank you to Chairman Proehl and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2295.

This bill expands exemptions for individuals who operate commercial vehicles from requiring commercial driver's licenses (CDL). HB 2295 would allow municipal and county employees the ability to operate motor grader vehicles, such as snowplows, without a CDL license in order to provide city and county services. This bill provides cities more flexibility, especially in the event of a snowstorm. In addition, in many smaller communities across Kansas, city employees have limited staffs and those employees serve in multiple roles. Kansas HB 2295 allows municipalities to hire employees who can operate motor grader vehicles yet may not have a CDL license, as well as the ability to utilize current staff who serve in other roles.

The League of Kansas Municipalities is supportive of HB 2295 and respectfully asks the committee to recommend the bill favorably to the full House for its consideration.