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Neutral Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee HB2181 – Untested Sexual Assault Kits

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Chairman Jennings and Committee Members,

Our associations are taking a neutral position on HB2181. We have been working with the KBI for over a year now on this issue. A survey of all Kansas law enforcement agencies has already been completed documenting the untested sexual assault kits in Kansas. The KBI established a working group to make plans for how we would address testing the kits. The working group is very comprehensive including law enforcement, victim services, crime labs, related medical services, and others. This lead to a grant request by the KBI to address these untested kits which was approved. We are already well into the plan. The workgroup continues to meet to monitor progress and make adjustments to the plan.

Passing this bill will not hurt or help the project. But the reality is everything proposed in this bill appears to already have been done, with the exception of the report for the 2018 Legislative Session.

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