



Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
Senate Judiciary Committee
Neutral on SB 281 (Human Trafficking) • January 23, 2018

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify as a neutral conferee on Senate Bill 281, which provides updates on the Human trafficking Act in light of changes from the 2017 session.¹ KAC has no stance on this year's bill, but we would like to use SB 281 as a vehicle to correct an oversight from last year's bill.

One requirement from 2017's House Substitute for SB 40 deals with commercial driver's license (CDL).² Because of the propensity for trafficking activity to occur on major interstates and truck stops, the law now requires CDL drivers to undergo training for human-trafficking identification and prevention steps. The CDL requirement expands beyond the targeted truck drivers and also falls on municipal workers—particularly those on road-and-bridge crews—whose work requires a CDL yet is isolated to the communities where they serve. The training adds a requirement that is challenging for municipal workers and does not appear to reach the target of the CDL training. KAC joins the League in requesting an amendment to SB 281 that will exclude municipal workers from the current requirement.

KAC has worked with the Attorney General's Office and the Revisor's Office to create a narrow change that focuses on county, city, and township employees who exclusively use the CDL for municipal purposes. We ask that you support this amendment as part of SB 281 in an effort to ensure municipal employees are effectively and efficiently serving their communities while leaving the original focus of the Human Trafficking Act in place.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Eberline', is written over a light blue circular watermark.

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¹ Kansas House Sub. for SB 40 (2017).

² K.S.A. 8-2,157 (2017).