

March 22, 2023 email message to committee members and staff

Good afternoon [Committee members are included in the bcc: field of this email] – KLRD was asked to provide information regarding cities in Kansas that would meet the criteria that would be added in SB 34 for authorized projects under the bill. Subsection (e) in the bill as amended (adopted Blew amendment) specifies:

(e) For purposes of this section, “city” means any city incorporated in accordance with Kansas law with a population of 60,000 or more, as certified by the Secretary of State by the Director of the Budget on the previous July 1 in accordance with KSA 11-201, and amendments thereto, except the City of Topeka. [Note: The City of Topeka is considered elsewhere in the bill, as amended.]

The referenced certification is published in the *Governor’s Budget Report* (Appendix A, as certified to the Secretary of State by the Division of the Budget on July 1, 2022), which is attached for your review.

The numbers certified for 2021 (as of July 1, 2022; third column of the reported county and city population data) indicate the following cities meeting the population threshold of 60,000:

Douglas County

Lawrence – 95,256

Johnson County

Olathe – 143,014

Overland Park – 197,106

Shawnee – 67,511

Sedgwick County

Wichita – 395,699

Shawnee County

Topeka – 125,963 [Note: In SB 34, as amended by House Committee, Topeka is part of the existing law in the Rural Housing Incentive District Act.]

Wyandotte County

Kansas City – 154,545

KLRD also notes the two “next in” cities – Lenexa’s population for 2021 was 58,388 and Manhattan’s population (reported in both Riley and Pottawatomie counties) was 54,763. These two cities would not currently meet the criteria but could reach the threshold in future years.

Please let us know if you have any further questions regarding the information presented.

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