



Kansas Register of Deeds Association, Inc.

Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer, Chairman
Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
Statehouse, Room 136-E
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Opposition to SB 98

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written response to SB 98 on behalf of the Kansas Register of Deeds Association.

Register of Deeds Offices are tasked with the responsibility to maintain a record of land titles forever. In addition to recording, preserving land documents in perpetuity is our top priority. Not only do our constituents rely on our records, but private businesses – oil and gas, banking, title insurance, etc. –are frequent users of our services.

KRODA is opposed to SB 98 because the mandate to provide copies free of charge would put an undue burden on Register offices across the state and would result in local taxpayers subsidizing the expenses of out of county and out of state companies that utilize our offices on a regular basis. Many of the individuals that appear at our offices requesting documents do not request more than 25 pages. Therefore, under the mandate of this bill, the majority of those served would be getting copies free of charge. The cost to produce the copies is not free to the county. Local taxpayers must then pick up the slack to keep their county offices open to the public.

KRODA ask that this committee consider the full effects that this legislation will have on their local governments' ability to continue to provide service to the citizens of Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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