

Approved: April 1, 2005

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MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Donovan at 1:45 P.M. on March 31, 2005 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Barbara Allen- excused
Derek Schmidt- excused
Greta Goodwin- excused
Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:

Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kirkwood, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

HB 2406 - providing for public improvement districts

Vice-Chairman Donovan brought the Committee's attention to the hearing on **HB 2406** and requested Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, to explain the bill. Gordon explained the bill adding there was a technical error on page 1 line 42 deleting "12-197" and inserting "12-199".

Written testimony supporting **HB 2406** was submitted by Randall Allen, Kansas Association of Counties (Attachment 1).

Vice-Chairman Donovan asked for a motion on the bill. Senator Lee made a motion to remove the word "contiguous" on page 1 line 16. Senator Pine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Lee made a motion to correct the technical error mentioned by the Revisor and report **HB 2406** out favorably for passage as amended. Senator Pine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Final action on:

HB 2443 - Kansas film production investment tax credit act

HB 2444 - Kansas film production tax credit act

Senator Bruce made a motion to take the provisions of **HB 2443** and amend into **HB 2444**. Senator Pine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Bruce made a motion to remove the version of **SB 274** as amended by Committee and amend into a Senate Substitute for **HB 2443** and report out of Committee favorably for passage as amended. Senator Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

SENATE
ASSESSMENT & TAXATION COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

DATE: Thurs May 31

NAME	REPRESENTING
Randall Allen	K.S. Association of Counties



Written Testimony re. HB 2406
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee
Randall Allen, Executive Director
Kansas Association of Counties
March 31, 2005

Senators, I appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2406 in behalf of the Kansas Association of Counties. We strongly support HB 2406, a creative bill introduced by Representative Ward Loyd anticipating a future need for smaller, more rural counties to join together to build, operate, or maintain public infrastructure improvements.

Kansas is a state with many, many political jurisdictions, including counties, cities, townships, and various types of special districts. Many such jurisdictions, in and of themselves, are too small to finance public facilities and improvements necessary to sustain and enhance a quality of life desired by citizens. Increasingly, such jurisdictions will consider working together to build, maintain, and jointly operate facilities whose costs can be borne by a larger land area and population base. HB 2406 anticipates this need and provides both property and sales tax authority to the residents of a public improvement district to finance such facilities, subject to a public vote in each of the participating counties. HB 2406 looks to the future of Kansas. It is a refreshing anticipation of what Kansans will need ten and twenty or even fifty years from now. I urge the committee to give this bill full consideration and report it favorably for passage.

Thank you for considering our comments on this bill.

The Kansas Association of Counties, an instrumentality of member counties under K.S.A. 19-2690, provides legislative representation, educational and technical services and a wide range of informational services to its member counties. For more information, please contact Randall Allen or Judy Moler at (785) 272-2585.

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