



Testimony

**Senate Bill 248
House Tax Committee
March 13, 2023**

The Kansas County Commissioners Association opposes Senate Bill 248 because it will impose devastating financial harm to Kansas Counties and Cities.

Local governments across Kansas use local sales taxes to pay for important services their citizens demand. Grocery sales are a big part of those sales tax revenues.

Many communities use the sales tax from groceries to fund bonds which were used to pay for wanted improvements or projects. One county helped finance 4 new grocery stores in food deserts. The sales tax generated from those stores pays off the bonds. If you wipe out the grocery sales tax, it will cause the community to default on the bonds.

The proposer of this bill has said eliminating the state and local grocery sales tax is needed to fund a move to a flat income tax which several studies show will benefit rich Kansans far more than average middle or lower income residents.

And is yet one more example of the Legislature stealing promised revenues from local government.