





KANSAS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
ASSOCIATION

Testimony

House Concurrent Resolution 5025 Constitutional Amendment for Residential Property Based on a 10 Year Rolling Average

House Taxation Committee
March 20, 2024
Neutral Testimony

The Kansas County Commissioners Association is neutral on HCR 5025.

The KCCA represents the elected Commissioners in all 105 counties. That's more than 360 elected leaders. Republicans. Democrats. Rural. Urban. All of them working to serve their local communities.

This proposal may be a good idea. It may be a bad idea. We don't know because there has been little time to vet the idea and study and what the long term may be.

Changing the Constitution is a serious step which leaves no room to correct mistakes if it turns out the amendment is not working the way the Legislature anticipated or hoped.

Dealing with the concerns over rising property taxes would be much easier if a previous Legislature had not placed the current assessment rates of 11.5% for residential properties in the Constitution in the first place.

The KCCA is well aware of the frustration and anger over rising property values and the subsequent impact on tax bills. There are already several bills designed to help address that situation making their way through the legislative process.

KCCA is not opposed to HCR 5025 but doesn't have enough information yet to give it a thumbs up or thumbs down.

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