



WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**Testimony of Randy Leis, Meade County Commissioner
Before the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
In Support of Senate Bill No. 332
February 13, 2024**

Member Counties

Barber

Senator Tyson and Members of the Committee:

Barton

Clark

The Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) appreciates the opportunity to offer written testimony in support of Senate Bill No. 332.

Ellis

Finney

For 45 years, KLPG has operated as a local government association in Kansas. Comprising elected county commissioners, this nonpartisan and nonprofit entity serves as a platform for 33 rural Kansas counties to collectively advocate for their common interests.

Ford

Gove

Grant

Gray

Hamilton

The only organizations that have been active for a longer period, representing local governments, are the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities.

Harper

Haskell

Hodgeman

Senate Bill No. 332 would reinstate local ad valorem tax reduction fund (LAVTR) transfers permitting the distribution of \$50 million in rebates to residential property taxpayers.

Kearny

Kiowa

Lane

Logan

Like all units of government, counties are challenged by the necessity of providing the required services to our residents, within our limited and sometimes declining resources. Senate Bill No 332 is a great step in the right direction for our future.

Meade

Ness

Norton

However, we feel all property owners should benefit from Senate Bill No. 332, not just residential owners. Additionally, we believe clarification is needed on how homeowners who already participate in statutorily or locally authorized property tax relief rebate programs treated under this legislation?

Rawlins

Rice

Rush

Russell

Finally we'd like to highlight that among their regular duties County Treasurers will be required to calculate the rebate amounts, distribute such rebate/credits and generate annual reports. And remind you that many of our member counties will have two or three people in the Treasurer's office performing a variety of other required duties during the year when these items are due and don't want to overwhelm or delay the process.

Scott

Seward

Sherman

Stanton

Stevens

Thomas

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to present this written testimony to the Committee. I encourage you to consider Senate Bill No. 332 favorably.

Trego

Wallace

Wichita

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President