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HB 2174

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Rahjes and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2174, which would create the attorney training program for rural Kansas act, which would provide financial assistance to attorneys and law students practicing law in rural areas of the state. This would also establish a fund for this purpose.

Rural Kansas is on the precipice of an attorney shortage crisis. Many Kansas counties have few or no attorneys. This creates a problem when each county needs a prosecutor. In addition, residents in those counties also have legal needs. KAC commends this committee for recognizing this crisis and moving to address it.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its members strongly support assistance for students and attorneys that are moving to rural areas to practice to help mitigate this crisis. This is something that helps our members by preparing the next generation of practitioners in these areas.

KAC would support advancing HB 2174 to help address the attorney shortage in rural areas. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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