

House Local Government Committee February 5, 2025 HB 2116

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Bergquist and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2116, which would require certain cities and counties to utilize Form DA-146a in their contracts.

The Kansas Association of Counties understands the desire to ensure that local government contracts include provisions to protect local governments under the clauses of the agreements. DA-Form 146a does contain some useful provisions that are beneficial to counties. DA-Form 146a is also a very useful checklist to refer to when reviewing contracts during negotiation. At the same time, some counties are able to use their own negotiations to obtain better terms outside DA-Form 146a.

During the 2024 session, a similar bill was introduced. At that time, KAC requested an amendment. The language requested by KAC is contained in Section 4 of HB 2116. That language allows for flexibility, particularly with larger counties that exceed the population threshold included in the bill. As such, KAC is supportive of HB 2116. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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