

House Taxation Committee February 13, 2025 HB 2275

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2275, which would allow Finney County residents the opportunity to determine whether the county should impose a countywide retailers' sales tax.

This bill does not impose a countywide sales tax. State law requires legislative approval for counties to place a countywide sales tax initiative on the ballot. Voting yes on HB 2275 would only allow the voters of Finney County to decide whether to impose this countywide sales tax for the purpose of financing the construction or remodeling of a courthouse, jail, law enforcement center or other county administrative facility.

This is the epitome of local control—giving the local voters the ability to choose whether or not to impose this countywide sales tax, while understanding the use of those sales tax proceeds. The Kansas Association of Counties supports local control, and also supports HB 2275.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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