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TO: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
FROM: Senator William Clifford, MD, 39th District
RE: HB 2275 – Proponent Oral Testimony
Date: March 3rd, 2025

Chairwoman Tyson, Vice-Chairman Peck, Ranking Member Corson, and Committee Members:

I represent Finney County and Garden City in the 39th Senate District. I also served as a Finney County Commissioner, so I have been aware of the poor condition of the Finney County Law Enforcement Center for some time. The people of Finney County deserve the opportunity to vote on a 0.5 percent sales tax to finance a new jail and remodel the Law Enforcement Center.

Over the weekend I toured the facilities and was appalled at the condition of the offices, squadron rooms and public areas of the building. Open ceilings and active leaks are everywhere, jeopardizing sensitive electronic equipment and preventing the use of a good portion of the building. The situation is so non-hygienic that the Garden City Police Department will shortly relocate to temporary quarters. Our courageous first responders should not have to tolerate such conditions.

Thanks for the opportunity to testify and I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William S. Clifford MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator William Clifford, MD, 39th District