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Senate Judiciary Committee  
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HB 2134

Kansas Association of Counties  
Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairwoman Warren and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2134, which would outline how fees for open records would be charged. KAC was an opponent of this bill as originally introduced.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its members strongly support open government. KAC and its members are also strongly in support of fiscal responsibility. For most open records requests, expenses are either nominal or non-existent. Many requests can be filled very quickly with negligible staff time dedicated to providing the records.

In more complex cases, however, the volume of records requested, as well as the nature of the records requested requires additional time. This is primarily where questions of fees and staff time come into play. KAC and other parties worked with proponents on compromise language that addressed the concerns of the proponents while also ensuring that these requests were not overly burdensome to Kansas taxpayers.

HB 2134 allows county government to recover the “actual costs” for furnishing the requested records. This eliminates the arcane language of “copies” which suggests a paper printout and instead focuses on the actual cost of providing the record in whatever form is necessary given the context. The compromise on these changes represents a final product that is workable for county government while allowing for both the provision of records and good stewardship of taxpayer money.

For these reasons, KAC supports HB 2134 as amended by the House committee and would support its passage in the current form. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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