

HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON HB 2074

On behalf of Board of the County Commissioners of Johnson County, KS

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Chairman and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is offered in opposition to Section 1 of House Bill 2074 that will impose restrictions on a county's ability to meet the requirements of KSA 65-3405 and in support of Section 2 of this bill related to a solid waste study.

- Any legislation dealing with a county's responsibilities to manage solid waste should support the ability of the county to preserve landfill resources that exist within that jurisdiction.

- Section 1 of this bill would negatively impact the ability of any county to fulfill the responsibilities with which it is charged under KSA 65-3405 to:
 - (j) (3) Provide for solid waste management systems in a manner consistent with the needs and plans of the whole area....
 - (j) (9) Establish a schedule for reduction of waste volumes.....
 - (j) (10) Take into consideration the development of specific management programs for certain wastes, including.....yard waste.

- If monitoring landfill use falls within the expectations of KSA 65-3405, then Section 1 of this bill should not advance as it will limit a county's abilities to fulfill its responsibilities under the current statute.

- If Section 1 of HB 2074 becomes law, the responsibilities outlined in KSA 65-3405 should be removed.

- The study by the Secretary of Health and Environment proposed in Section 2 is needed and should be directed and supported by the resources necessary to undertake such study.