



SALINE COUNTY TREASURER

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300 SW 10th
Topeka, KS 66612
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Honorable members of the Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Sub- Committee:

The Saline County Treasurer's Office would greatly appreciate your consideration of supporting the passage of HB 2237.

As a public servant, I feel it is important that we look at solutions that would be beneficial in providing adequate funding for our city and county municipalities without having to increase taxes or take away much needed services.

Since the year 2000 Saline County has spent \$894,094.47 in mandated publications. During the year 2014, Saline County spent \$84,712 in newspaper publications.

Most publications regarding the Treasurer's Office require at least 3 postings in our local newspaper. When the original legislation was passed regarding mandated postings, periodical subscriptions rates were high; currently we live in an era where a high percentage of our population communicates through information on internet-based social media programs. Unlike newspapers and other forms of print media, the internet provides us with quick up-to-date information that can be obtained for free, providing readers with ready access to longer lasting postings that can be printed or saved without costly subscriptions.

HB 2237 will allow the **flexibility** for communities to choose whether to either post legal notices in their local newspaper or through government or news based websites.

Thank you very much for your consideration regarding this issue which, if passed, would be of great benefit to county governments and municipalities throughout the state of Kansas.

Jim Dubois
Saline County Treasurer