



Written testimony in support of HB 2238, Cowley County: The Stone Bridge Capital of Kansas

To be heard by the Kansas House of Representatives Local Government Committee on Tuesday, February 10th, 2015, 1:30 pm

Chairman Rep. Steve Huebert
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My name is Pam Crain and I am the director of the Convention and Visitor Bureau of Arkansas City, KS. I am involved with many county and regional organizations that work to promote Cowley County and South Central Kansas. This letter is to ask for your support of House Bill 2238.

Through the Cowley County Tourism Alliance we have been working to promote our stone arch bridges as a visitor attraction. This has resulted in bringing visitors to our county's bridges in the past year. Together with Cowley County government, we are working to improve the access points around the bridges for viewing.

As a lifelong resident of Cowley County, I know that the stone arch bridges are special to local residents. There is an excitement in our county about sharing these treasures with visitors. Designating Cowley County as the Stone Bridge Capital of Kansas would raise awareness of our bridges throughout the state, and bring more people to our county to enjoy them.

Please consider this measure for Cowley County tourism. I would ask for your vote to name Cowley County the Stone Bridge Capital of Kansas.