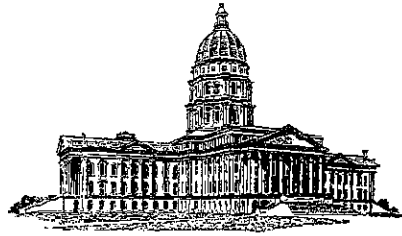


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House Committee on Taxation
HB 2476
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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members

Good afternoon, I am appearing before the Committee today in support of HB 2476. The Riley County Board of County Commissioners asked me to assist in filing a change in state law designed to help counties in collecting delinquent real property taxes.

This bill achieves this by authorizing a county to withhold an amount equal to the unpaid real property taxes for a vendor with a contract for goods or services with the county. The new provision impacts a small percentage of delinquent taxes because it only applies to an instance where a contract with the county exists with a vendor with unpaid property taxes.

The intent of the law is to prevent a business with unpaid or delinquent property taxes from receiving payment for contractual services from a county. If one's business is earning income from tax dollars the expectation is that you pay your property taxes on time.

I ask for your due consideration of this important legislation.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Tom Phillips