



TESTIMONY OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
TO THE SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
ON HB 2164
MARCH 17, 2015

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 2164.

HB 2164 relates to an issue brought to our attention by Riley County. Current statute requires any construction of a sewer district that exceeds \$1,000 in cost to be let for competitive bid. While we support the competitive bid process, \$1,000 is a very low threshold to require a time-consuming competitive bid process for what might be an exigent circumstance when a sewer district needs immediate construction or reconstruction. K.S.A. 19-27a19 was written in 1983, over thirty years ago, with the \$1,000 standard.

The original bill listed \$15,000 as the new threshold requiring bids, however, the bill was amended to the amount of \$25,000. This matches the amount in the general construction statute, K.S.A. 19-214 -- that statute was amended in 2011 to raise the threshold requiring a bid to \$25,000. The House amendment creates uniformity and consistency among the statutes on construction of buildings, roads and other structures.

I appreciate the opportunity to appear on HB 2164 and will stand for questions.

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