



Overland Park Chamber™

To: House Taxation Committee
From: Kevin Walker, Senior Vice President of Public Policy
Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the more than 800 business members of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 2656.

The City of Overland Park stands to lose more than \$16 million should HB 2656 become law.

The impact of this kind of loss is significant because the City relies on the countywide sales tax for public safety, public works and other general operations. If forced to compensate for this kind of shortfall the City would be left with difficult choices that could include cutting services, increasing property taxes or a combination of the two.

Overland Park accounts for approximately 34% of the countywide sales in Johnson County and we believe the current revenue-sharing arrangement is fair. We don't believe this long-standing policy warrants any changes and we urge the committee to oppose HB 2656.