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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the  
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
Proponent Testimony on SB 457 • March 11, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 457. KAC supports this bill, with one recommended amendment for efficiency outlined below.

KAC supports having a standardized soil survey for property assessment. This document is updated periodically, although it is not updated on a specific schedule (e.g. annually). The changes in these updates are generally minor, but do occur.

Because this survey is updated from time to time, KAC believes that Kansas should utilize the most recent soil survey, rather than one issued on a specific date. As a result, KAC would recommend the following amendment:

On Page 1, Line 16 after the word "utilize":

adding the words "*the most current version of the web soil survey*" and deleting "*the web soil survey version dated September 16, 2019*"

This amendment will allow the statute to mature as the soil survey is updated, rather than needing legislation to update the version to be used, or being legally required to use an outdated version.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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