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Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee
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SB 319

Kansas Association of Counties
Opposition Testimony

Chairwoman Tyson and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer opposition testimony on SB 319, which would require that tax delinquent property sales cannot be conducted through online means.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, counties began looking for ways to become more efficient and innovative, while fulfilling their statutory duties. During that time, two counties determined that utilizing an online auction site would allow them to conduct tax sales more efficiently. Each county fulfilled the statutory notice requirements, and also provided for assistance to interested bidders. These sales were conducted with both counties offering to assist bidders with either online signup, or providing for means by which individuals could participate if they did not have a computer or smart phone

SB 319 would take away the ability to do this. Having some bidders online, while others were bidding in person without using the software would create confusion. Allowing the use of the online auction makes these sales more accessible to the general public--you do not have to attend the all-day sale. Instead, you can wait for the property or properties you are interested in, and bid from any location through the use of technology.

KAC would oppose SB 319 and ask that the committee not advance this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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