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Senate Local Government Committee
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SB 118

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairwoman McGinn and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on SB 118, which would allow for the dissolution of special districts, with the duties of those districts to be assumed by either the city or the county that has absorbed that district.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its member counties support the concepts of both local control and government efficiency. Allowing local officials the freedom to meet the community's needs, particularly in the area of government services, is important to our member counties. Likewise, policies that allow counties to operate more efficiently and to freely collaborate to provide services are a positive. KAC believes that this bill furthers both of these core concepts.

KAC stands in support of SB 118 as a potential means of offering more efficiency to taxpayers and residents by dissolving districts and allowing the county (or city) to take on those responsibilities. This bill gives local government the ability to determine the most efficient way to serve their constituents by allowing the governing boards of the district and the city or county to agree to such dissolution by following the process outlined in SB 118.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the committee. KAC stands ready to answer questions at the appropriate time.

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