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PROPONENT - WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

I stand today in support of passage for HB 2599. As an independent researcher, I appreciate any determination to limit costs to the public for information, especially when referring to digital copies.

My counties current assessment is .05 per digital page, which only makes it more difficult to obtain needed information. Our economy is suffering, and I feel that the recent sentiment around KORA pricing is... "Give them a large bill to pay, and they will leave you alone."

Additionally, digital copies are generally easy to forward to constituents and contain loads of information that were already available to that public office without too much extra effort. I personally would like to access voter rolls more easily... but with a HUGE PRICE TAG with a digital fee, this is not reasonable for my research.

Transparency between the government, public offices, and the people should be a wanted engagement. I fully support a more attainable fee schedule and therefore request passage by this committee of HB 2599.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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