

House Local Government Committee February 15, 2023 HB 2376

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony

Chairman Bergquist and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2376, which would prohibit the recording of any restrictive covenant that violates the Kansas act against discrimination and authorizing the removal of such covenants from existing documents.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports this commonsense legislation that would prevent discriminatory covenants from being recorded on deeds here in Kansas. KAC supports HB 2376 with the backing of the Kansas Register of Deeds Association. The confusion of having these unenforceable, but discriminatory covenants registered can be frustrating for landowners and buyers. HB 2376 now gives landowners the power to eliminate these discriminatory covenants, and gives a mechanism of law under which to do so.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports HB 2376 and would ask the committee to advance this bill favorably. Thank you.

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