

SCR 1611 Proponent Testimony - written only
Limit on Valuation Increase
House Taxation Committee
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Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

We are pleased to provide written testimony in support of SCR 1611, which limits the increase in assessed valuations to 4% annually.

Many homeowners have experienced double-digit property tax increases because local officials took advantage of valuation spikes. Some local officials responsibly reduced their mill rates to be revenue-neutral and offset some of the valuation increases, but many did not.

The adjacent table shows valuations rose more than 20% in some counties, placing extreme hardship on homeowners.

If the Committee is inclined to revise SCR 1611, we propose limiting the increase to the lesser of 3% or the rate of inflation.

2023 Valuation Change on Existing Homes			
County	% Change	County	% Change
Anderson	27.8%	Osage	15.7%
Brown	14.2%	Osborne	21.6%
Butler	12.9%	Rice	16.1%
Cheyenne	15.3%	Russell	23.7%
Cowley	13.8%	Scott	20.1%
Douglas	15.3%	Sedgwick	7.8%
Finney	12.7%	Shawnee	13.1%
Geary	13.0%	Smith	14.5%
Johnson	11.5%	Thomas	10.5%
Leavenworth	13.8%	Wichita	11.0%
Linn	22.6%	Wyandotte	17.3%

Source: Kansas Dept. of Revenue.

We encourage the Committee to approve SCR 1611, and we appreciate your consideration.