

House Taxation Committee March 14, 2024

HB 2795

Kansas Association of Counties Opponent Testimony

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer opponent testimony on HB 2795, which would require a specific form, to be provided by the director of accounts and reports, to be sent out for the revenue neutral rate notice and hearing.

Kansas counties use a variety of software to produce their tax notices and documents. This software is provided by different vendors, each with vendor utilizing different technology to provide these services to counties. Requiring a standardized form may require changes to the software, which could result in county vendors charging counties for these changes and updates.

At present, we cannot predict what these costs would be, or if the costs would vary by vendor. In addition, if the director of accounts and reports were to make changes to the form in the future, that could result in further costs to counties to update their software as necessary. This could create more expense for property taxpayers as counties work to be compliant with these requirements.

We ask that the committee either not advance this legislation or provide funding to update county software as necessary to comply with these requirements. Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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