

House Transportation Committee January 31, 2023 HB 2004

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Francis and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2004, which would establish the EV energy equity road repair tax.

The state highway fund is funded largely through gasoline taxes. These taxes fund the construction and maintenance of roadways in Kansas. While electric vehicles utilize and therefore cause wear and tear to roads in Kansas, they do not contribute to the fuel tax in an equitable way. HB 2004 would create some equity in the funding mechanism for road maintenance and repair by charging a "road repair tax" on public charging stations for EVs. This would apply whether the public station charged users a fee or not.

As the popularity of EVs grows, the funding mechanism for Kansas roads will continue to dwindle unless steps are taken to avoid this decay.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its members support the passage of HB 2004. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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