

# Kansas House of Representatives



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### Testimony in Support of HB2724

Chairman Powell and members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

The House Government Efficiency Committee had an informational hearing on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) earlier this session where we had a number of experts in the room to explain some of the capabilities of GIS, the return on investment, as well as the potential impact these tools could have on developing and debating legislative policy.

During that hearing I challenged the experts to look at what the states that are national leaders are doing and make some recommendations as far as best practices we could adopt here in Kansas. This bill is the product of those efforts.

HB2724 will have no fiscal note, does not create any new FTE and actually should generate savings down the road.

It also will provide some legislative sponsorship of resources and policy that have the potential to have a profound effect on the way we create and debate policy.

Thank you for this opportunity to appear before you today in support of this bill. I urge you to pass HB2724 and recommend it favorable for passage. I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.