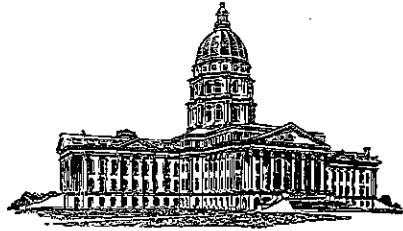


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Francis Awerkamp
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February 28, 2018

Re: HB 2749 AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to countywide retailers' sales tax; rates, Jackson county; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 12-187 and repealing the existing section.

To: House Committee on Taxation
From: Representative Francis Awerkamp, 61st District

Mr. Chairman and Committee,

Thank you for the hearing on HB 2749 and for allowing me to testify.

HB 2749 allows the people of Jackson County to vote on renewing a 0.4% sales tax. This sales tax was first approved by the voters in Jackson County in 2004. The tax dollars received from this 0.4% sales tax is used to maintain the 1,006 miles of county roads as well as the county bridges. The county hopes to place this sales tax question on the 2018 Primary Election ballot.

Here are some details about Jackson County's tax history:

- In 2008, the 0.4% sales tax brought in \$437,825
- In 2017, the 0.4% sales tax brought in \$484,482
- For budget year 2009, mill levy for Jackson County was 66.909, valuation was \$87,837,165, and the budget was \$5,877,021
- For budget year 2018, mill levy for Jackson County is 76.837 (an increase of 14.8% from 2008), valuation is \$113,746,031 (an increase of 29.5% from 2008), and the budget is \$8,739,959 (an increase of 48.7% from 2008)
- Jackson County also has a 1% sales tax which, in 2017, brought in a total of \$1,211,209, \$885,242 going to the county and \$325,967 going to the cities
- In 2015, the population of Jackson County was 13,338

Early this year the Jackson County Commission asked me to introduce this bill. They said that the 0.4% sales tax dollars were "vital in maintaining and providing the necessary repairs to our road and bridge system." They also said that the sales tax provided a broader base for county's tax revenue. I attended a Jackson County Commission meeting, discussed the details, and agreed to introduce this bill on their behalf.

Thank you again for the hearing and allowing me to present testimony on behalf of HB 2749.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Awerkamp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Francis Awerkamp

State Representative, 61st District