Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Opponent Testimony on HB 2703 • February 19, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to testify regarding HB 2703, which would preempt local building codes that are more strict than national model codes. KAC opposes this preemption.

While there are exceptions under HB 2703 for situations under which local codes would NOT be preempted, KAC opposes preemption of local authority without significant reason to interfere with local control.

KAC would urge the committee to reject HB 2703. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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