

Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the Senate Committee on Utilities Opponent Testimony on SB 380 • February 12, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 380, which would prevent local governments, including counties, from imposing requirements on video service providers within their jurisdiction.

Local control is one of the foundational principles that guides the Kansas Association of Counties. Our organization and its member counties believe that the government closest to the people is the most reactive to its needs. Allowing local control in as many areas as possible is important in advancing that ideal.

Forbiding local government from regulating video service providers within their jurisdiction is directly opposed to the principle of local control. This bill would take away the ability of local government to have any voice, even if the residents of the county want their county commission to take some action. KAC opposes this intrusion on local control, and would ask the committee to reject SB 380

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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