

House Judiciary Committee January 27, 2021 HB 2076

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Patton and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2076, which would require bond agents to return arrested individuals to the county in which the bond was filed.

Under current law, a bond agent can drop an arrested individual off at the nearest county jail in the state, regardless of whether that jail is in the county which has the bond on the individual. As a result, the county where the individual is dropped off incurs the cost for holding the individual, and the county that holds the bond has the cost of transferring the individual back to their jurisdiction. This bill would eliminate those costs. KAC and its member counties applaud the efforts to limit the operational costs for mandated services, as this helps the overall county budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the committee. KAC stands ready to answer questions at the appropriate time.

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