

House Taxation Committee February 2, 2023 HB 2066

Kansas Association of Counties Neutral Testimony – Written Only

## Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer neutral testimony on HB 2066, which would exempt up to two vehicles from personal property taxes for emergency medical service workers and firefighters.

The Kansas Association of Counties is grateful to engage in the discussion of how best to incentivize individuals to participate as firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. KAC and its member counties recognize that these first responders play an important role in keeping our communities safe.

The policy question at issue here is whether a personal property tax exemption is the best and most equitable way to incentivize this participation. KAC supports incentivizing and rewarding EMS workers. KAC welcomes the opportunity to work with all stakeholders to determine the most effective way to incentivize these activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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