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HB 2704

Kansas Association of Counties
Neutral Testimony

Chairman Bergquist and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to testify on HB 2704, which would limit the ability of cities and counties to regulate home based businesses. This bill is a more limited version of a bill that was introduced a couple of years ago.

This bill does allow cities and counties to regulate for the protection of the public health and safety including rules and regulations related to fire and building codes, health and sanitation, transportation or traffic control, solid or hazardous waste, pollution and noise control. However, KAC still has some concerns related to this proposed legislation.

While a business may not increase traffic, increase the number of people at the residence, and occur entirely within the yard and house, that does not mean that it will not disrupt a residential neighborhood. What if the business operates overnight with lights? Does that mean it would not be compatible with surrounding residential use?

Counties can put noise restrictions in place, but at what point does the noise created by the business make it a violation?

Will this bill increase the number of complaints that counties have to respond to? Will that lead to more neighborhood conflicts that counties are placed in the middle of? Will this create more litigation surrounding existing regulations?

Please consider these questions carefully as you examine this legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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