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Senate Local Government, Transparency and Ethics Committee
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SB 436

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony (written only)

Chairwoman Bowers and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on SB 436, which would increase the dollar amount threshold for county construction contracts when those contracts require a public letting.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports fiscal responsibility, transparency and efficiency. SB 436 would raise this limit from $25,000 to $100,000. It should be noted that this limit was last adjusted in 2008, when the limit was raised from $10,000 to $25,000. This increase is necessary because the lower threshold requires more time and effort for smaller projects to be bid and executed.

Simply put, $25,000 does not buy what it used to. As a result, bids are being let for smaller and smaller projects simply because this limit is so low. Increasing this limit will increase efficiency and the speed with which smaller projects can be executed, while maintaining the transparency for larger, more complex projects.

For this reason, KAC supports SB 436 and asks that the committee advance this legislation favorably.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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