

House Taxation Committee January 30, 2025 HB 2083

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on this proposed legislation, which would grant a ten-year tax exemption for new energy storage systems and excluding new energy storage systems from the commercial and industrial machinery and equipment (CIME) exemption.

Typically, KAC is neutral or opposed to additional tax exemptions. HB 2083 is different, however, in that it excludes new energy storage systems from the CIME exemption and instead grants a ten-year exemption to these new energy storage systems. Effectively, this means that rather than having this property be permanently exempt from taxation, it is granted an exemption for ten years, then is added to the tax rolls in year eleven.

This additional tax revenue once the ten-year exemption expires would represent a means of broadening the property tax base in counties where these facilities are located. KAC is supportive of broadening the property tax base to help ease the burden on current taxpayers.

For this reason, KAC supports HB 2083 and would support its' passage. Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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