

HB 2083 opponent testimony – written only
Property tax exemption for new energy storage systems
House Taxation Committee
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Chairperson Smith and Members of the Committee,

We are pleased to provide written testimony opposing HB 2083, which exempts new energy storage systems from property tax.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, “Kansas generates almost 50% more electricity than it consumes. The surplus power is sent to other states over the high-voltage transmission lines of the regional grid.”¹

Exempting new energy storage systems from property tax effectively requires Kansas taxpayers to subsidize the exportation of energy to other states. Instead of collecting property tax on new energy storage facilities, the steadily rising costs of local government are further shifted to everyone else.

Excessive increases in residential values are already taxing people out of their homes. According to the Kansas Department of Revenue, residential values on existing homes (not counting new construction) have exceeded 30% over the last three years. Kansans need property tax relief, not business subsidies that cause everyone else to shoulder more of the burden.

We encourage the Committee to reject HB 2083, and we appreciate your consideration.

¹ U.S. Energy Information Administration, Profile Analysis, July 18, 2024.
<https://www.eia.gov/state/analysis.php?sid=KS>