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House Taxation Committee  
February 12, 2025  
HB 2125

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 HB 2125, which would allow Pawnee County residents the opportunity to determine whether the county should impose a countywide retailers' sales tax.

This bill does not impose a countywide sales tax. State law requires legislative approval for counties to place a countywide sales tax initiative on the ballot. Voting yes on HB 2125 would only allow the voters of Pawnee County to decide whether to impose this countywide sales tax for the purpose of financing healthcare services and furnishing and equipping county-supported public safety operations.

This is the epitome of local control—giving the local voters the ability to choose whether or not to impose this countywide sales tax, while understanding the use of those sales tax proceeds. The Kansas Association of Counties supports local control, and also supports HB 2125.

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

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