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SB 223

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairwoman Tyson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on SB 223, which would allow Russell 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 SB 223 would only allow the voters of Russell County to decide whether to impose this countywide sales tax for the purpose of financing the costs of attendance centers or other school district facilities.

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 SB 223.

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

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