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**Senate Bill 108
County Earnings Tax
Support
Senate Assessment and Tax Committee
February 27, 2025**

The Kansas County Commissioners Association supports Senate Bill 108. Kansas counties are continually looking for ways to ease the burden of property tax on our citizens.

Allowing a local earnings tax would give many Kansas counties a reliable, robust revenue source that would be used to significantly lower property taxes.

It would be very beneficial for Wyandotte County where I live. Wyandotte County has some of the highest salary and wages in the entire state. But our per capita income, the salaries and wages earned by residents, are some of the lowest in the state.

That's because there are thousands of high paying jobs filled by people who don't live in Wyandotte County. They drive to work in Wyandotte County, then drive home to another county or state at the end of the day.

The one-percent earnings tax imposed by Kansas City, Missouri, raises \$200-million a year for their city government. If Wyandotte County could charge a one-percent income tax it would also apply to high-paid NASCAR drivers who come to town twice a year and the visiting soccer players who compete against Sporting KC.

Wyandotte County already collects more in sales tax than property tax. Imagine how much lower property taxes could go with a local income tax.

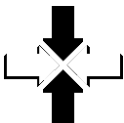
A local earnings tax would not be a viable option for many counties. But for counties which are regional centers, it could be a major new revenue source.

And it would be left to local elected officials to decide based on what citizens support. That is the foundation of Home Rule and Local Control.

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