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House Taxation Committee
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HB 2002

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2002, which would amend existing law by requiring the state to continue to pay for the mandated printing and postage costs for the notice required pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2988 et. seq.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports this legislation. During the first two years of this mandated notice, the state has paid for the postage and printing required by law. This provision, however, will expire after this year, shifting the burden for this cost to counties and other local governments.

In 2022, 96 counties were reimbursed \$1,123,583.42 for these costs. Atchison, Barber, Bourbon, Geary, Greeley, Jackson, Marshall, Ness, and Phillips counties did not make a request for reimbursement as of the writing of this testimony. Counties were reimbursed as much as \$135,810.37 (Sedgwick County) and as little as \$2,025.61 (Clark County). Letting this provision expire would shift the cost back to the property tax of local taxpayers. Making this provision permanent would spread the burden throughout the state, easing the impact on individual taxpayers in each county.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports the continued funding of this mandate at the state level. Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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