



**Testimony of Randy Leis, Meade County Commissioner
Before the House Committee on Taxation
In Support of House Bill No. 2002
January 24, 2023**

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Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill No. 2002. KLPG is a non-partisan organization comprised of elected county commissioners representing the collective interests of 34 rural Kansas counties.

House Bill No. 2002, amends K.S.A. 79-2989, which requires the State of Kansas for fiscal year 2023 and 2024 to reimburse counties for the printing and postage costs for the revenue neutral rate notices sent to each property owner within the county and makes permanent the reimbursement requirement. KLPG supports the changes proposed in House Bill No. 2002 and recommends this committee take favorable action on the legislation.

Should you let this provision expire, Kansas counties will be required to cover the costs of this state mandated notice. If the State wants the counties to obligate staff and expense required to prepare this mandatory notice, the State should be willing to fund some of the costs associated distributing the notifications.

We urge to pass House Bill No. 2002. Thank you.

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Kansas Legislative Policy Group

