

SB48
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Representatives of the State of Kansas serving on the House Taxation Committee,

Please accept this written testimony against SB 248 as we believe it will have an adverse effect on the good people of Pittsburg, in southeast Kansas.

SB 248 eliminates local sales tax levies on groceries, food and food ingredients. Legislative Research testified this would cost municipalities, at minimum, \$180 million statewide.

It is estimated that this bill would reduce our local sales tax proceeds by \$2M annually. Our sales tax funded programs include road repair, public safety, equipment replacement and economic development. Each of these programs were authorized through local elections and were re-authorized through subsequent elections.

A few of the impacts to Kansas cities in general would include:

- Overall loss to general fund budgets, which is harmful to city governments, which use these levies to fund essential services, like ours listed above.
- As previously mentioned, local sales tax levies are voter approved. This bill undermines voters of a community who voted on these levies and their purposes.
- SB 248 does not take into consideration economic development initiatives that are impacted, such as: TIF Districts, STAR Bond projects and CID Sales Tax Projects. If you have any of these projects that could be impacted, make House members aware.

I am asking the committee to please vote NO on SB 248, or amend it so local sales tax levies on food, food ingredients and groceries are made whole again, as is current law.

Respectfully,

Daron Hall
City Manager
Pittsburg