

Senate Transportation Committee February 7, 2024 SB 349

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Petersen and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on SB 349, which would establish the intercity passenger rail service program, and include annual transfers into the passenger rail service revolving fund.

KAC supports funding mechanisms for transportation projects that allow for the construction and maintenance of appropriate transportation solutions for each region in the state, including dedicated funding for highways, airports, transit, and the expansion of passenger rail service. KAC has specifically identified passenger rail service as an important part of transportation that deserves funding.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports legislation that will allow funding for passenger rail service and thanks the committee for taking time for this topic. Thank you for the opportunity to offer support for this important legislation.

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