



Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
House Committee on Taxation
Proponent for HB 2755 • February 28, 2018

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2755, an updated version of HB 2626, which this committee addressed on February 13, 2018. This legislation would update 1973's Substitute for Senate Bill 11, which accounted for transfers in authority from one taxing entity to another under the old tax lid.¹ HB 2755 promotes consolidation and shared services between municipalities by allowing for the assumption of both responsibilities and taxing authority when a municipality takes on the functions of a separate taxing entity. KAC worked with the interested parties from HB 2626 to craft this language, and we support the current bill.

Here is the excerpted support from our previous testimony:

As Kansas municipalities work to implement the new tax lid, they are looking at how Kansas operated under the previously repealed law. The 1973 version of the Kansas tax lid increased the aggregate limitation imposed by law on a transferee entity accepting new responsibilities and decreased it for the transferor entity. The argument for this type of exemption is that the entity accepting the new responsibilities from the dissolved entity should be allowed to expand under the tax lid to take on the new responsibilities. This issue arose in the City of Pratt,² which plans to absorb the powers of a dissolving airport authority. If the city is to take on the taxing authority and the responsibility of the airport, it should be allowed room to grow from its current restrictions under the tax lid.

As with HB 2626, we ask this committee recommend HB 2755 favorably for passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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¹ 1973 Kansas Session laws, Chapter 393, Section 9.

² House Bill 2628 (2018).