

House Taxation Committee
Written Opposition to HB 2780
3/19/2018



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I am Jim Rice, Seward County Commissioner. I am submitting the following testimony in opposition to HB 2780. I have several reasons for my opposition.

How will any county know how to prepare a proper allowance in their annual budget preparation for appeal cases?

Will this give an additional incentive for the number of appeals received by the county each year?

The current Tax Lid requires a vote of the people to increase the budget above a certain amount. Should a county loose a couple of large appeals and finds it MUST increase taxes to pay for incurred costs and finds the requirement to increase taxes exceeds Tax Lid requirements, I think we all know the results of any election on raising taxes? If the election fails, then what?

Passing HB 2780 allows for unknown expenses and will certainly cause undue and unnecessary work and expense for counties.

Again, I encourage you to vote NO on HB 2780.

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