



## **Kansas Recreation and Park Association**

**Testimony on HB 2735  
To the  
House Transportation Committee  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2735. The Kansas Recreation and Park Association, representing local park and recreation agencies all across Kansas, is opposed to House Bill No. 2735 because of its potential devastating impact on communities that have operated and offered these type of valuable outdoor recreational opportunities for citizens for many years.

If this bill is adopted as proposed, many communities in Kansas would be in a position to have to pay taxes on property of which it is not the fee simple title holder which is an unfair tax burden on local taxpayers. It could result in cities no longer being a position to operate these trails and also impact future opportunities to develop these types of trails in local communities.

Rail trails have long provided valuable recreational opportunities for citizens and have helped local communities provide facilities which have a major impact on healthy lifestyles.

For these reasons, the Kansas Recreation and Park Association respectfully requests that you not recommend passage of House Bill 2735.