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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

This resolution would amend article 9 of the constitution, state of Kansas, relating to counties by adding a new section 6 which pertains to home rule for counties. The counties are asking that this requested change be put before the people of Kansas as a ballot initiative.

The counties argue that as a matter of fairness they have the same jurisdictional authority as that offered to municipalities within the Kansas Constitution. It is further argued that this issue is a matter of fairness.

The counties currently argue that while they have jurisdictional powers granted through current statutes, they would prefer the stability of constitutional protection.

I present this bill and this testimony in favor of HCR 5004.

Respectively submitted,

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