TESTIMONY OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON SB 70

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for holding a hearing on SB 70. KAC supports the legislation, as it represents previous negotiations between KAC, the proponents, and other parties involved in similar legislation presented in the past. We appreciate the sponsors' efforts to clarify the motion required to close an open meeting to an executive session.

Our only concern is lines 15-16 on page 1; we are concerned that county clerks taking minutes for county commissioner meetings may feel pressured to record the motion word-for-word and whether there will be any repercussions if the motion is not "recorded in its entirety in the minutes." We would prefer to keep the current statutory language or use the phrase "the complete motion."

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB 70.

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