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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the  
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2052, regarding probation and credit towards early discharge. The Kansas Association of Counties supports community corrections and the re-integration of rehabilitated individuals.

However, HB 2052 does not make it clear how these hearings will be funded, and who will pay for counsel in the case of indigent individuals eligible to have such hearings. There is a risk that these hearings could back log criminal courts, leaving the court needing more staff. Additionally, the bill does not make it clear which entity bears the responsibility for providing counsel for indigent individuals.

The Kansas Association of Counties would be opposed to any unfunded mandates, and would ask the committee to carefully consider which entity is expected to pay for these hearings and the staff required to fulfill these obligations prior to taking any action on this bill.

Respectfully,

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