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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Opponent Testimony on SB 248 • February 4, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 248, which addresses extraterritorial zoning. KAC is opposed to this bill because there are some concerns that we would like to raise to the committee.

First, the bill is very broad and appears that it may be very onerous on counties. The original wording of the bill appears to require that counties mail out a notice for even small changes to subdivision requirements or regulations. The mailing costs alone could be very burdensome to counties, particularly if the changes are only technical in nature.

Additionally, there are already statutes on the books related to zoning regulations. These statutes already spell out the notice requirements for changes. The current statutes make reference to “similar notice as required for the original adoption of regulations.” Would this mean that notifying all property owners in the unincorporated area is required for **all** changes?

These concerns are issues that need to be addressed prior to moving this bill forward. KAC would encourage the committee to specifically identify the issue that this bill is attempting to solve and analyze whether the current language of the bill solves that issue. Additionally, it should be considered whether the problem intended to be solved is solved by this legislation, or if this legislation reaches beyond that problem.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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