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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice
Opponent Testimony against HB 2050 • February 5, 2019

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against House Bill 2050, regarding confinement sanctions. The Kansas Association of Counties is opposed to HB 2050 because of the cost associated with housing inmates on 60-day confinement sanctions. While the bill passes these costs on to counties, it does not offer any additional revenue to cover these potential new costs.

The committee has received testimony detailing the potential cost to counties if this bill were to be adopted as law. These costs cannot simply be absorbed at the county level. Either additional revenue would need to be raised, or other services would need to be cut to allow the county to take on these additional inmates at the county jail.

Additionally, the potential health care costs of the inmates, should they need to go to the hospital for treatment, must also be considered.

HB 2050 would place an incredible strain on local budgets by mandating an additional category of detention. The Kansas Association of Counties opposes such unfunded mandates, and as such, opposes HB 2050.

Respectfully,

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