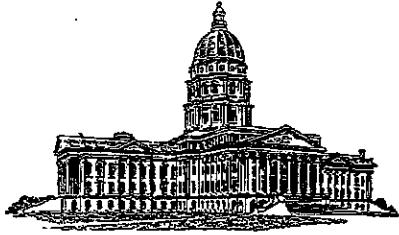


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Re: HB 2033, AN ACT concerning sales and compensating use tax; relating to countywide retailers' sales tax, ballot authority, Dickinson, Jackson and Russell counties, rates, Thomas county; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 12-187 and 12-189 and repealing the existing section.

To: House Committee on Taxation
From: Representative Francis Awerkamp, 61st District

Mr. Chairman and Committee,

Thank you for the hearing on HB 2033 and for allowing me to testify.

HB 2033 allows the people of Jackson County to vote on reinstating a 0.4% sales tax. This sales tax was first approved by the voters in Jackson County in 2004 and was renewed again in 2011. The tax dollars received from this 0.4% sales tax is used to maintain the 1,006 miles of county roads as well as the county bridges. The county hopes to place this sales tax question on a ballot this year.

Here are some details about Jackson County's tax history:

- In 2008, the 0.4% sales tax brought in \$437,825
- In 2017, the 0.4% sales tax brought in \$484,482
- For budget year 2009, mill levy for Jackson County was 66.909, valuation was \$87,837,165, and the budget was \$5,877,021
- For budget year 2018, mill levy for Jackson County is 76.837 (an increase of 14.8% from 2008), valuation is \$113,746,031 (an increase of 29.5% from 2008), and the budget is \$8,739,959 (an increase of 48.7% from 2008)
- Jackson County also has a 1% sales tax which, in 2017, brought in a total of \$1,211,209, \$885,242 going to the county and \$325,967 going to the cities
- In 2015, the population of Jackson County was 13,338

Last year the Jackson County Commission asked me to introduce this bill. They said that the 0.4% sales tax dollars were "vital in maintaining and providing the necessary repairs to our road and bridge system." They also said that the sales tax provided a broader base for county's tax revenue. I attended a Jackson County Commission meeting, discussed the details, and agreed to introduce this bill on their behalf.

Thank you again for the hearing and allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of HB 2033.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Awerkamp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Francis Awerkamp
State Representative, 61st District