

**Testimony  
Before the House Committee on Taxation  
In Support of House Bill No. 2040**

**January 23, 2019**

Chairman Johnson and Members of the House Committee on Taxation:

I appear today on behalf of the City of Garden City, Kansas and the Board of County Commissioners of Finney County, Kansas.

We are here today in support of House Bill No. 2040.

The City and the County joined together on an inter-local cooperation project for infrastructure upgrades consisting of local road improvements, public zoo exhibit and facility improvements, construction of a fire station and an indoor shooting range for use by law enforcement personnel and the public.

The improvement project is to be paid for by a .3-cent sales tax. On November 7, 2017, an election was held and the voters in Finney County approved the levying of a retailer's sales within the county for these purposes over a 15-year period. The sales tax increase took effect in April of 2018.

The proposed statutory changes to K.S.A. 12-187 and K.S.A. 12-189 are contained in Section 1 on page 3, at line 35, new subsection (H) and Section 2 on page 14, at line 28, new subsection (ff).

We request the House Committee on Taxation reflect in statute the action taken by the residents of Finney County by passing House Bill No 2040.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this matter to the Committee.

Doug Smith  
on behalf of the City of Garden City, Kansas and  
Board of County Commissioners of Finney County, Kansas