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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Opponent Testimony on SB 264 • January 22, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony on SB 264. The Kansas Association of Counties is opposed to SB 264, which would essentially “blacklist” an appraiser that is “terminated” by a county. KAC feels that this legislation would infringe on local control on issues of employment within the county. Each county should be free to consider any and all qualified candidates for the office of appraiser, and be free to determine if an appraiser is the right fit for their county.

Employment relationships are ended for a variety of reasons, some of which are not directly related to poor performance. There may be a clash of personalities between an appraiser and a county commissioner. Ending employment in a county should not mean that a qualified appraiser cannot work as an appraiser elsewhere in the state. This bill could set a bad precedent within other county offices as well.

KAC respectfully requests that you consider the potential ramifications of this bill, and would urge the committee not to move this bill forward for consideration.

Respectfully,

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