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The Kansas County Appraisers Association is neutral on SB457 as introduced.

The web soil survey from the United States department of agriculture natural resources conservation service is used by county appraisers in Kansas to identify soil types for the valuation of agricultural land. When the web soil survey maps are updated, the changes are generally small and of little consequence. Only when there is a major flood event or when a river changes course are there substantial changes, and even those changes do not generally affect a large number of properties.

It is unclear why county appraisers would be required to use any certain version of the web soil survey in perpetuity even though an updated, and ostensibly, more accurate version may become available in the future.

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