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Kansas Association of Counties
Neutral Testimony

Chairwoman Bowers and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer neutral testimony on this bill concerning open records. The Association and its member counties stand for open government and transparency.

KAC understands the desire to make the post audit process as open and as cost effective as possible. For many records requests, the nominal amount of providing copies of a few documents has no tangible effect on the county or county department providing that information. In some cases, however, requests for numerous copies can become burdensome. For this reason, KAC would ask for some cap on the cost of records to be provided free of charge to mitigate the cost of this.

Additionally, KAC would ask that this exemption not be expanded, as expansion of the exception for costs could have a large fiscal impact on Kansas counties due to the potential staff time associated with providing the records to multiple entities under this law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the committee. Please let me know if we can provide further assistance on this topic.

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