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House Taxation Committee
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HB 2232

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2232, which would grant authority to the director of the property valuation division to develop courses for the designation of registered mass appraiser for continuing education purposes.

The Kansas Association of Counties is supportive of this necessary piece of legislation. This legislation is necessary because the Kansas Real Estate Appraisal Board, through no fault of its own, has been unable to develop and approve the necessary courses for the mass appraisal designation since being tasked with that responsibility under the Conference Committee report for 2021 Senate Substitute for HB 2104. It should be noted that this new responsibility was not accompanied with new funding or support for the Real Estate Appraisal Board to hire new staff to develop or approve this new category of continuing education.

As a result, HB 2232 is an important and necessary piece of legislation to allow the property valuation division to develop courses. To avoid the mistakes of the past, however, the Kansas Association of Counties asks that this mandate be accompanied by any necessary funding or staffing to allow the director of PVD to develop the necessary courses for county and district appraisers.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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