

March 19, 2014

House Federal & State Affairs Committee

SB10 TESTIMONY

Chairman Brunk and Members of the Committee:

Good morning! My name is Peggy Frint, and I am the Register of Deeds for Republic County, Ks. I would like to visit with you regarding SB 10, which as amended, would revise provisions in the Kansas Open Records and the Kansas Open Meetings laws that apply to public entities.

Republic County Commissioners have passed a Resolution No. 2007-24 that establish reason fees and charges for fees for materials, permits, and records in files. This Resolution establishes the fees of \$0.25 per copy, \$2.00 per fax and e-mail, and \$10.00 research fee for genealogy research. As a courtesy, this office allows certain entities the privilege of charging their copies and paying their bill once a month.

The reason we charge is to help defray the cost of the toner and also the cost of the paper they use. In February I had a title company in for two days and they made 563 copies the first day and 244 copies the second day. On March 12, this same title company called twice and needed more copies. The first phone call resulted in 22 copies, and the second phone resulted in 16 copies. Under this new bill, we would not have been able to charge them for these last two set copies.

Last year Republic County deposited \$1,297.63 into the County General Fund from our copy fees. I realize this doesn't sound like very much for the bigger counties, but for a small county such as Republic County, every little bit helps.

I am asking you to do an amendment exempting records in the Register of Deeds from SB 10.

Thank you for time.