



Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2739

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Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jade Piros de Carvalho, and I serve as mayor for the City of Hutchinson. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong opposition to House Bill 2738.

Hutchinson's revenue from countywide sales taxes is greater than \$5.5 million annually. This translates to 15% of our general fund budget and half of our general fund property tax collections. As such, this bill could have devastating impacts on Hutchinson residents and businesses. If a fair interlocal agreement with the county could not be reached, we would either be forced to drastically cut general fund service provision like fire protection and law enforcement or subject our residents to additional property taxes to make up for the difference.

Two-thirds (2/3) of residents in Reno County reside within the city limits of Hutchinson. Hutchinson is also home to the vast majority of retail business in the county. Most of the sales tax generated in Reno County comes from Hutchinson. A portion of sales tax dollars should stay where they are generated. Taxpayers would not appreciate services being cut while they continue to pay the same amount in taxes, or worse--being taxed more for the same services.

The current policy is the fairest method for determining sales tax distributions. Please consider the drastic impact this bill will have on many cities and do not pass HB 2738.

Respectfully submitted,

Jade Piros de Carvalho
Mayor, City of Hutchinson, KS