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Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Carpenter and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2059, which would allow cities and counties to establish guidelines for common consumption areas within their jurisdiction specifically allowing cities or counties to determine whether or not streets would need to be blocked to establish these areas of common consumption.

KAC supports local control, including determining what signage or other indications are necessary to outline an area of common consumption, whether that be blocking off streets, or offering signage and other indications of the area of common consumption. This is a local issue that can be locally overseen by city and county officials. This legislation properly eliminates an unnecessary statewide rule in favor of allowing the government closest to the people (local government) to determine how to best serve the community's needs.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its members support the passage of HB 2059. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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