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Chairman Masterson and Members of the Committee, I am here today on behalf of Pittsburg State University to testify in support of Senate Bill 293. The land exchange between Pittsburg State University and the city of Pittsburg, Kansas in SB 293 represents over a year of negotiations between the two entities and is truly a mutually beneficial exchange. The exchange would support future planned growth of the university as well as economic and community growth in the city of Pittsburg.

The agreement was reached through a thorough and detailed negotiation process. Three separate valuations were utilized to determine the value of each respective parcel for purposes of the negotiated exchange. While the parties negotiated through a number of iterations the attached map illustrates the final agreed upon exchange in SB 293. The total agreed value of land exchanged is nearly \$600,000 with only \$462 difference between the parties (\$283,992 in agreed upon value to PSU, \$283,500 in agreed upon value to the City).

The agreement provides 72.7 acres to the city in exchange for 30.3 acres to PSU. This will provide the city at least 40-50 acres (of the 72 total) of prime residential development land. Significantly supporting the residential development needs of the city. Strategic residential development to support community and economic growth of the city has been identified as a significant need by the city of Pittsburg (and is supported by a recent housing study).

The exchange gives PSU a single undivided parcel of is just over 100 acres with frontage road access to a major road. This will support future development and expansion for the area; namely, maintaining the International Baja competition site, potential future School of Construction outdoor lab space, and potential future site of a new track and outdoor recreation area.

Additionally, the exchange grants PSU ownership of the 5 acre "rugby field" which will give the University nearly complete and contiguous ownership along Rouse Street from the railroad tracks south to the R&D park.

Overall the exchange substantially cleans up the map and supports planned growth and development for both the University and the city of Pittsburg.