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Madam Chair and members of the committee. I am Leo Vogel, Assistant Director of Purchases. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Department of Administration in support of House Bill No. 2719.

The current purchasing statutes were written in 1953 and require the use of sealed paper bids, bulletin boards and the postal mail system.

House Bill 2719 will update the 1953 purchasing statutes and will allow the use of electronic bids, electronic opening of bids, electronic bulletin boards and electronic mail to purchase goods and services for the state. It also "cleans up" some of the other provisions in the current purchasing statute.

Section 1. (h) has been deleted. This paragraph requires a report by state agencies of stocks of supplies, materials and equipment on hand. This report dates back to the original mission of the Division of Purchases which included managing a central stores operation and transferring supply inventories between state agencies. This mission was deleted in 1972 but the report was not deleted.

Section 2. (a) the requirement to report to the chairperson of the Kansas Performance Review Board is deleted. This board no longer exists.

Section 2. (i) the paragraph on federal grant money is deleted and moved paragraph (j).

Section 2. (n) defines "sealed bids", "bulletin boards" and "mail" to include electronic bids, electronic bulletin boards and electronic mail.

Section 3. (b)(2) deletes paragraph. It is a duplicate of paragraph (3).

Section 3. (c) would allow changes made before the bid is opened and allows the state agencies to cancel the purchase request if all bids for a construction, repair or building improvement are rejected.

This concludes my prepared testimony. I stand for questions.

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