

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Allen at 10:40 A.M. on February 8, 2007 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Swanson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Barbara Allen  
Roy Jensen, MD, KU Cancer Center  
Julie Dunlap, Kansas Medical Society Alliance  
Mary Jones, Kansas Medical Society Alliance  
Lanita Moss, Young Survivors Coalition  
Dan Morin, Kansas Medical Society  
Lisa Benlon, American Cancer Society  
John Hennessy, Kansas City Cancer Center  
Senator Derek Schmidt  
David Monical, Washburn University  
Mark Desetti, KNEA & KASB

Others attending:

See attached list.

**SB 198—Providing for a breast cancer research and outreach license plate**

Senator Barbara Allen testified **SB 198** will allow Kansans to purchase a “Breast Cancer Research and Outreach” license plate. Sales of these distinctive plates will potentially raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit breast cancer research and outreach in Kansas (Attachment 1). Kansas University Cancer Center (KUCC) is the sponsoring agency for the plates. Efforts are already underway by the sponsors of the bill to raise the required \$10,000, which must be provided to the KDOR prior to authorization of any distinctive license plate. KUCC would use the \$50 royalty fee on each plate sold to support a statewide coordinator for the Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA), the entity that serves as a liaison between the KUCC, hospitals, physicians and clinics across the state of Kansas. This statewide coordination includes the provision of assistance to KUCC’s statewide medical director in working to ensure that breast cancer patients in communities across Kansas are aware of what prevention and early detection protocols, treatment choices, and clinical studies are available to them. Senator Allen said women should not have to travel out of state to obtain the highest standard of care for treatment of breast cancer.

Roy Jensen, MD, Director, KU Cancer Center, testified the funds received from these license plates would help raise awareness of breast cancer among Kansas women, increase funding for research at Kansas University Cancer Center, and support breast cancer education, screening, and early detection outreach activities provided by the Midwest Cancer Alliance. (Attachment 2) Dr. Jensen thanked those who are supporting the efforts of the Cancer Center.

Julie Dunlap, Kansas Medical Society Alliance, testified a breast cancer awareness license plate would be effective in lowering the rates of both incomplete treatment and later-stage diagnosis for all Kansans. (Attachment 3) The goal is to reach all breast cancer patients in all corners of the state.

Mary Jones, Kansas Medical Society Alliance, said the bill is important to her because it is a way to show support for breast cancer awareness, and also to help those individuals who need resources to get them through the process of treatment. (Attachment 4) Ms. Jones is a four-year cancer survivor.

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Lanita Moss, Young Survival Coalition, testified she is an eleven-year breast cancer survivor, and supports **SB 198**. (Attachment 5) Few people have the ability to write large checks to breast cancer organizations, but this license plate is a way to express and display support for such a worthy cause.

Dan Morin, Kansas Medical Society, expressed strong support for **SB 198**. (Attachment 6) He said the license plate will honor the memory of those who have lost their battle with breast cancer and serve as a symbol of hope, strength and support to those currently fighting the disease.

Lisa Benlon, American Cancer Society, testified the Society supported the bill, and the royalties from the purchase of the specialty plates will benefit breast cancer research and outreach. (Attachment 7)

Written testimony in favor of **SB 198** was received from John Hennessy, Kansas City Cancer Center. (Attachment 8) The hearing was closed.

**SB 59—Kansas income tax credit for qualified tuition and related expenses paid to a Kansas educational institution**

Senator Derek Schmidt testified it is important for young people to gain additional education and skills beyond high school, and there is an ever widening gap between aid, out of pocket expenses and the total cost of tuition. (Attachment 9) If enacted, **SB 59** would provide a measure of relief to Kansas kids going to Kansas public institutions of learning, by allowing a student or his/her guardian to claim a tax credit against tuition or related expenses in the amount of up to \$250 in tax year 2007, and up to \$500 in tax year 2008 and thereafter. In response to a question from Senator Lee, Senator Schmidt said more state scholarships would be good. However, this legislation would help middle income Kansas families the most. This is a middle class solution.

David Monical, Washburn University, testified in support of the proposals embodied in **SB 59**. (Attachment 10) He said although Washburn will offer over \$50 million in student financial aid this year, everyone's financial circumstances differ. For some, these tax credits may offer an effective inducement to continue or complete a course of study. Hearing on **SB 59** closed.

**SB 172—Providing an income tax credit for fees paid to public schools for textbooks and workbooks**

Senator Barbara Allen testified **SB 172** would provide an annual income tax credit for the full amount contributed, up to \$100 (or \$200 per married couple) toward fees to a public school, for textbooks and workbooks required by the public schools academic curriculum. (Attachment 11) She based this legislation on a similar tax credit program in Arizona. During discussion, Senator Donovan said he thought the bill would have a sizeable fiscal note. Dale Dennis, Kansas Department of Education, said he thought the bill would have a fiscal note of approximately \$21 million. Senator Allen said work is still being done to come up with an accurate fiscal note.

Mark Desetti, KNEA and KASB, testified he personally had to pay \$422 for fees to enroll his children in public school this year. (Attachment 12) He would have appreciated a tax credit, however, he feels schools should be funded appropriately so these fees will not have to be collected. In response to Senator Donovan, Mr. Desetti said he did not know how much more money should be put into the state's education budget to cover all these additional expenses. Hearing closed.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting will be February 13.

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Michelle Osborne	Bethel College Student Nurse
GREG THOMAS	KU
DAN MORIN	KS Medical Society
MARIE REED	<del>BETHEL COLLEGE</del> STUDENT NURSE
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 JUDICIARY

February 8, 2007

Re: **SB 198** - Breast Cancer Research and Outreach License Plates

Madame Chairman:

**SB 198** would allow Kansans to purchase a "Breast Cancer Research and Outreach" license plate for their passenger vehicle. A prototype of this plate is on display behind me. As you can see, this beautiful, unique license plate design is mostly pink, and incorporates the traditional breast cancer pink ribbon, as well as the yellow Kansas state sunflower. It will be a plate many Kansans "have to have", and its sales will raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in the future to benefit breast cancer research and outreach in Kansas.

### **Where will the "royalty payments" go?**

In Kansas, for every pink plate that is sold, \$50 will be paid to the University of Kansas Cancer Center (KUCC), to support a statewide coordinator for the Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA), the entity that serves as a liaison between the KUCC, hospitals, physicians and clinics across the state of Kansas. This statewide coordination will provide assistance to KUCC's statewide medical director in working to ensure that breast cancer patients in communities across Kansas are aware of what prevention and early detection protocols, treatment choices, and clinical studies are available to them.

### **How will Kansans know how/where to apply for the plate?**

The KUCC will provide a toll-free number to all county treasurers, where applicants for the breast cancer license plate can call the KUCC for information concerning the application process or the status of the applicant's license plate application. Information about the plate will be accessible via a link from the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) website to the KUCC. (attachment #1) We also plan to have brochures available at physicians' offices, mammography centers, hospitals, "Race for the Cure" events, etc.

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## **Who will pay the costs of developing this distinctive plate?**

The sponsoring agency, KUCC, must guarantee an initial issuance of at least 500 license plates before the first plate is issued. At least 500 plates, including annual renewals, must be issued for that distinctive plate by the end of the second year of sales; and at least 250 plates, including annual renewals, must be issued for that distinctive plate during any subsequent two-year period.

In addition, the sponsoring agency must submit to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) a nonrefundable amount not to exceed \$10,000 to defray the cost for developing the distinctive plate.

## **Why should we authorize "Pink Plates"?**

Obviously, to raise money for breast cancer research and outreach in Kansas. Breast cancer license plates have ballooned in popularity over the last decade. Currently, at least 17 states have authorized breast cancer license plates. We can't predict with certainty how much money will be raised for breast cancer research through the sale of pink plates. But we can look at the history of other Kansas distinctive plates that have royalty fees associated with them, for an idea of what to expect. For ex., Jayhawk license plate royalties have raised over \$500,000 for K.U. since their authorization in 1998. (attachment #2)

I have also attached a chart "Kansas Distinctive Plate Issues w/ Associated Royalty Fees", indicating how many plates have been issued annually for distinctive plates w/ royalty fees, and the total amount of royalty fees collected for each plate. (attachment #3)

## **Why Should We Specifically Target Breast Cancer?**

You might ask why these distinctive plates are targeted specifically to breast cancer. The reason is simple. Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in Kansas, and it is the second leading cause of cancer death among women in Kansas. In the next year, more than 2000 new breast cancer cases will be diagnosed in Kansas, and approximately 400 women will die. It is

possible there are as many as 20,000 breast cancer survivors in Kansas, and many of these women, their friends and family, will want to proudly display a pink breast cancer plate.

While the statistics are stark reminders of the magnitude of the impact of breast cancer, they fail to represent the real cost of cancer. The real cost includes the mothers and wives stolen from their children and husbands, and the family, friends and neighbors who are no longer with us. Behind each breast cancer statistic is a woman – a woman we have to remember as we wage the battle against this devastating disease.

### **Why Should the Royalty Fees Be Paid to KUCC?**

**SB 198** directs any royalty payments received from the sale of breast cancer license plates be paid to the University of Kansas Cancer Center. Why the KUCC? The answer is because the University of Kansas Medical Center is the only academic medical center in Kansas. And the KUCC is the umbrella organization driving the cancer partnership between the University of Kansas, its Medical Center campuses in Kansas City and Wichita, the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute, the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, the University of Kansas Hospital, and the developing Midwest Cancer Alliance (MCA), a key component of the KUCC's plan for enhancing care in the Heartland region. (attachment #4)

The MCA will support the delivery of comprehensive cancer care in rural communities. A core value of the MCA is to help community oncologists provide more comprehensive cancer care locally to improve cancer survival rates and reduce travel time and costs for cancer patients. The MCA will allow access to second opinions and multidisciplinary oncology teams via telehealth and the opportunity to participate in clinical trials.

The KUCC has already recruited Dr. Roy Jensen, a Kansas-born top-flight breast cancer researcher, to lead the KUCC's efforts. You will hear personally from Dr. Jensen in a moment. He will tell you the KUCC plans to achieve National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by 2015. (attachment #5)

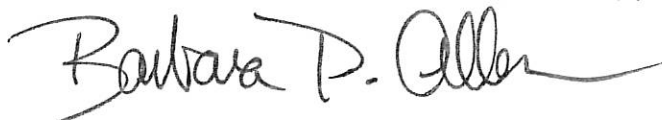


NCI designation will place the KUCC among a premier group of 61 U.S. cancer centers. NCI designation is a "good housekeeping" seal of approval indicating that an academic cancer center has achieved the highest standards in cancer research and care. It also increases access to cutting edge clinical trials and special grant funding mechanisms to both the cancer center and its affiliated partners. In addition, having NCI designation increases a cancer center and its' partners ability to recruit world-class researchers and physicians. Cancer patients seek out the level of care offered by a Comprehensive Cancer Center like MD Anderson in Houston, TX and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Last year, during the hearings on legislation creating the Kansas Income Tax Checkoff for Breast Cancer research, you became aware I was fortunate to have the opportunity to contribute to the greater good, by participating in a cutting edge clinical trial at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA. The results of that trial may lead to improved survival rates for all women diagnosed with the same type of breast cancer with which I was diagnosed.

Women in Kansas should not have to travel to Texas, or Minnesota, or Massachusetts to obtain the highest standard of care for treatment of breast cancer. We deserve to receive the best cancer care available right here in the Midwest, at home with our family and friends to support us. We have the opportunity to receive that care in the future with the development of the University of Kansas Cancer Center as an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**SB 198** will allow KUCC the opportunity to fund a statewide coordinator for the MCA, to ensure that breast cancer patients in communities across Kansas are aware of what prevention and early detection protocols, treatment choices, and clinical studies are available to them. I ask for your support.



Barbara P. Allen  
Senator, District 8

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### Other Organizational Distinctive License Plates

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- [Firefighter Plate for Motorcycles](#)
- Shrine - Contact your local Shrine Temple.

### Military Distinctive License Plates

You may make application for a Kansas distinctive military license plate by meeting the qualifications outlined in the Kansas Statutes Annotated listed below. Applications should be presented to your local [county treasures office](#).

- [Combat Wounded Purple Heart](#)
- [Congressional Medal Of Honor](#)
- [Disabled Veteran \(See also Form TR-103\)](#)
- [Ex-prisoner Of War](#)
- [National Guard \(See also Form TR-129\)](#)
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### Other Distinctive License Plates

- [Special Interest/Street Rod \(See also Form TR-145\)](#)

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**JAYHAWK LICENSE PLATE ROYALTIES**

<b>FYE June 30</b>	<b>Royalties</b>	<b>Plates</b>
1998	\$36,500	730
1999	\$46,800	935
2000	\$48,600	972
2001	\$55,700	1,114
2002	\$57,900	1,157
2003	\$60,600	1,211
2004	\$66,900	1,338
2005	\$72,200	1,443
2006	\$67,400	1,349
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$512,600</b>	

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# KANSAS DISTINCTIVE PLATE ISSUES WITH ASSOCIATED ROYALTY FEES

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## CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

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YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
2002	\$10,000	200	108	
2003	\$13,000	267	79	
2004	\$13,850	277	67	
2005	\$12,200	250	12	
2006	\$12,200	350	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,250</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>251</b>

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
1998	\$36,500	730	*	
1999	\$46,800	935	*	
2000	\$48,600	972	*	
2001	\$55,700	1,114	*	
2002	\$57,900	1,157	690	
2003	\$60,600	1,211	412	
2004	\$66,900	1,338	384	
2005	\$72,200	1,443	368	
2006	\$67,400	1,349	234	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$570,500</b>	<b>10,249</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>1,468</b>

## K STATE

## EMPORIA STATE

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
1998	\$43,600	872	*	
1999	\$70,300	1,406	*	
2000	\$85,800	1,716	*	
2001	\$94,332	1,887	*	
2002	\$103,060	2,061	448	
2003	\$106,475	2,130	616	
2004	\$114,675	2,294	666	
2005	\$118,875	2,377	601	
2006	\$121,375	2,427	447	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,072</b>	<b>17,170</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>2,439</b>

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plate Issued	Current on Road
2001	\$7,210	*	*	
2002	\$1,015	*	.	
2003	\$735	.	.	
2004	\$3,740	.	.	
2005	\$8,649	.	.	
2006	\$17,842	.	.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,025</b>			<b>502</b>

\* Database established 2002  
. No breakdown by year

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WICHITA STATE

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
2003	\$5,000.00		191	
2004	\$9,300.00		77	
2005	\$8,910.00		71	
2006	\$15,850.00		278	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,838.00</b>		<b>617</b>	<b>550</b>

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
1999	\$20,755	593	*	
2000	\$16,380	468	*	
2001	\$24,115	689	*	
2002	\$28,315	809	374	
2003	\$26,705	763	167	
2004	\$30,170	862	151	
2005	\$32,095	917	277	
2006	\$36,505	1043	310	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$785,540</b>	<b>6144</b>	<b>1279</b>	<b>1,084</b>

FORT HAYS STATE

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
2000	\$3,325.00		*	
2001	\$1,800.00		*	
2002	\$750.00		.	
2003	\$1,025.00		278	
2004	\$1,575.00		141	
2005	\$7,125.00		83	
2006	\$7,325.00		224	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$162,271.00</b>		<b>726</b>	<b>1,001</b>

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
2000-2002	\$62.89		36	
2003	\$1,322.86		153	
2004	\$3,292.43		.	
2005	\$5,479.90		.	
2006	\$8,019.51		.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,178.06</b>		<b>189</b>	<b>410</b>

PITTSBURG STATE

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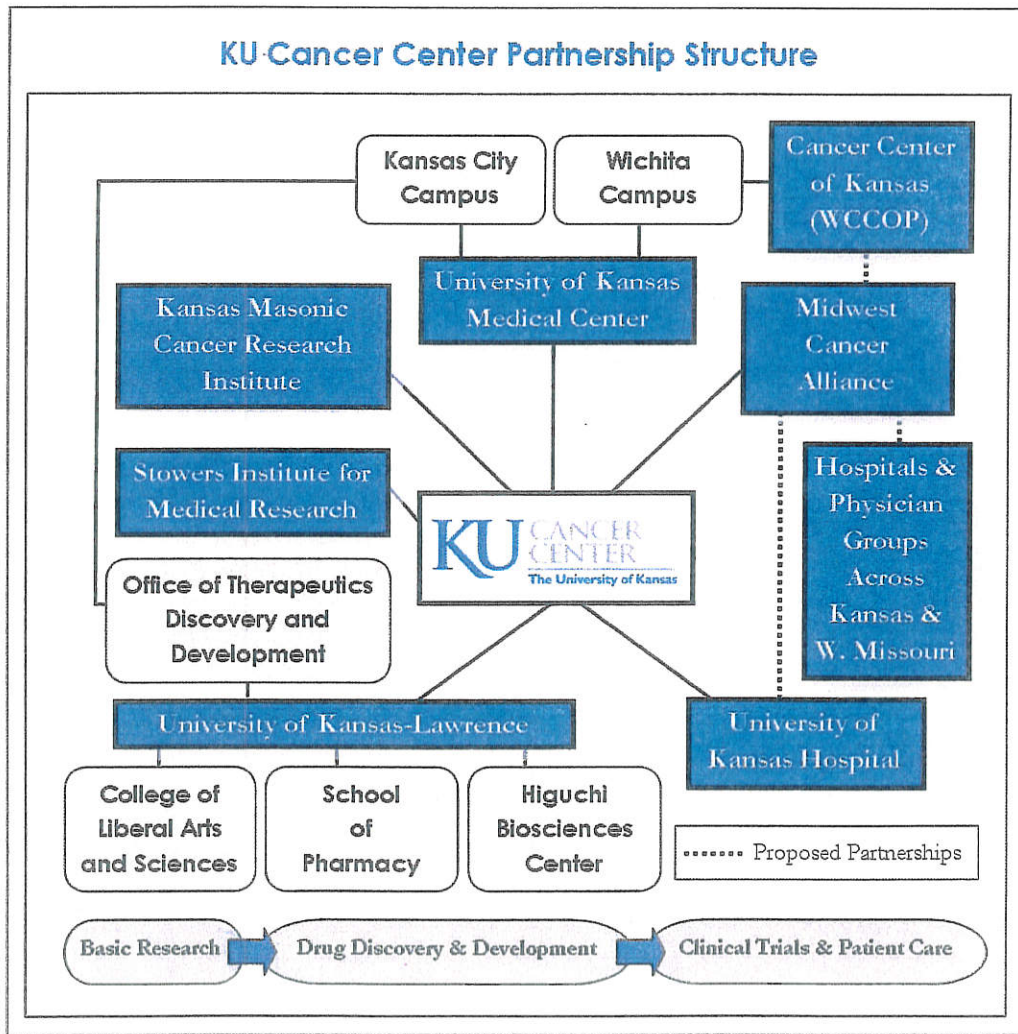
YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
2000	\$8,875.00	355	*	
2001	\$17,650.00	706	*	
2002	\$20,340.00	813	343	
2003	\$26,155.00	870	231	
2004	\$28,255.00	941	226	
2005	\$29,255.00	975	302	
2006	\$31,231.00	1,041	230	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,731.00</b>	<b>5701</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>1,001</b>

YEAR	ROYALTIES	# Certificates	Plates Issued	Current on Road
2002		366		
2003		13		
2004		63		
2005		58		
2006		0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>500</b>		<b>508</b>

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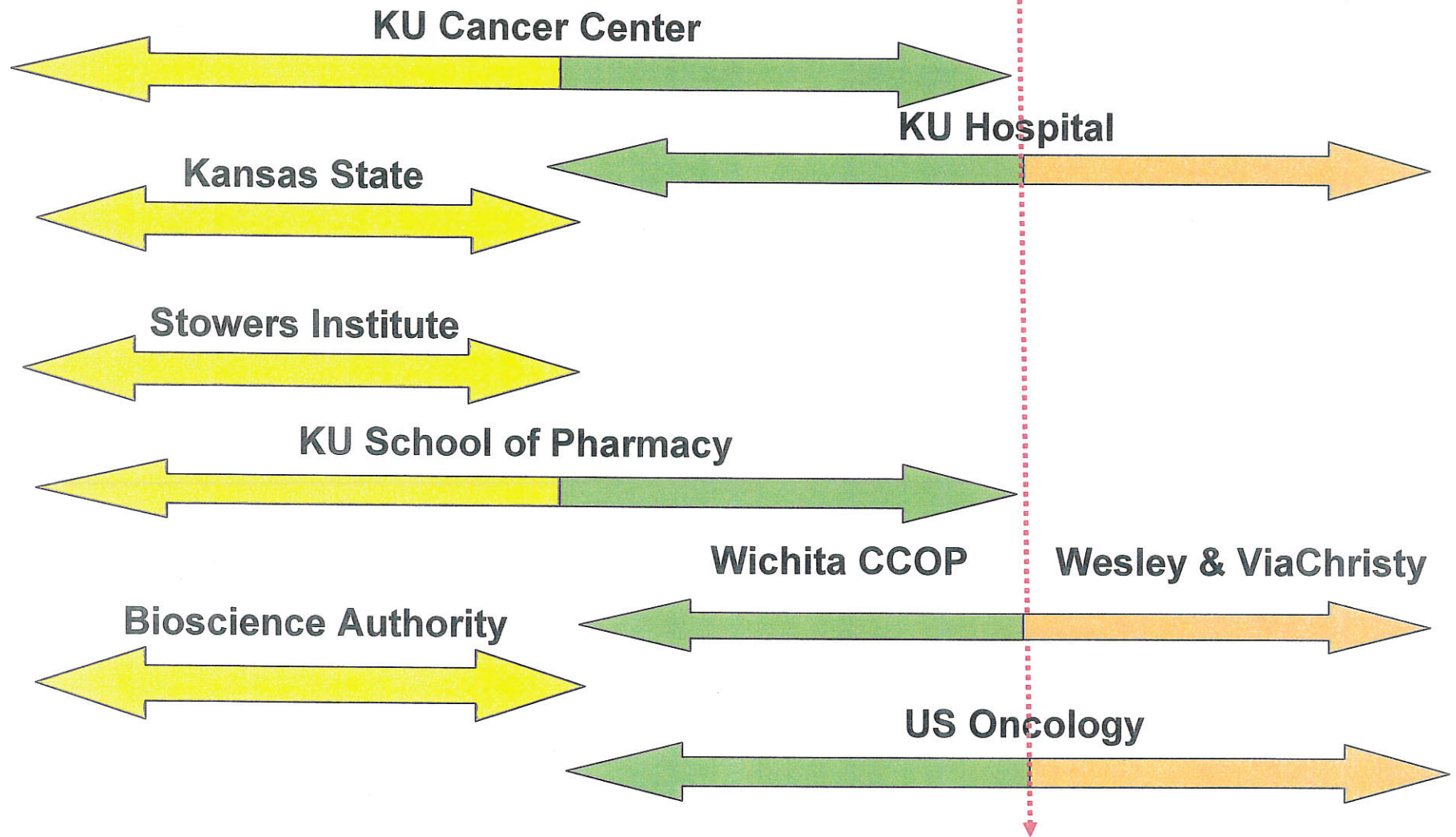
# What Is the University of Kansas Cancer Center?

Excellence in cancer research, education and patient care are top priorities for the University of Kansas (KU) and its Medical Center. Today, that commitment is embodied in the University of Kansas Cancer Center (KUCC) — the umbrella organization driving the cancer partnership between the University of Kansas, its Medical Center campuses in Kansas City and Wichita, the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute, the Stowers Institute for Medical Research, the University of Kansas Hospital and the developing Midwest Cancer Alliance. Achieving status as one of the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) Designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers will be a strong indicator that the KUCC’s broad-based, comprehensive cancer network is delivering on its potential to be a premier research, treatment and education partnership benefiting the entire region.



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# NCI DESIGNATION





COMPARISON OF PLATE FEES FOR DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES											
2007											
PLATE TYPE		REGIS'N FEES	COUNTY SERVICE FEE	REFLECTORIZED PLATE FEE ONE TIME ONLY	PERSONALIZED PLATE FEE	OTHER	ROYALTY FEE	500 RESERV'S	TOTAL	* Number of Current Registrations	\$\$ Raised to Date
		KSA 8-143	KSA 8-145(d)	KSA 8-147	KSA 8-132( c)			KSA 8-1,141			
					KSA 8-1,141						
PASSENGER CARS	KSA 8-143 1929	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	(Not a distinctive plate, listed for comparison purposes only)		N/A	N/A	\$35.50	1,446,471 CY 2006 Autos	NA
PERSONALIZED AUL/MT/MC	KSA 8-132 1975	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00		N/A	N/A	\$75.50	80,928	NA
ANTIQU (Vehicles over 35 years old)	KSA 8-166; 8-172 1955	\$40 (one time)	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$5.00 antique vehicle fee KSA 8-167	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$50.50	NA	NA
ANTIQU PERSONALIZED	KSA 8-172	\$40 (one time)	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00 antique vehicle fee KSA 8-167	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$90.50	6,618	NA
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR	KSA 8-162 1953	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$1.00	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$36.50	2,786	NA
SPECIAL INTEREST (Vehicles 20 yrs old not modified OR veh mfg. prior to 1949 modified as "street rod")	1973 KSA 8-194 KSA 8-195 KSA 8-196	General Registration fee \$30 KSA 8-143; Special Interest Registration fee \$26 KSA 8-195	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	Fed. Comm. Fee \$20.00 per K.S.A. 8-196 (One time to obtain special interest number)	N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$81.50	256	NA
MILITARY:											
DISABLED VETERAN	KSA 8-161 1951	Exempt per KSA 8-161	N/A	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94		N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$0.50	2,125	NA
US VETERAN	KSA 8-1,146 1997	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141		N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	\$35.50	61,897	NA
NATIONAL GUARD	KSA 8-177a 1979	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94		N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$35.50	3,604	NA

COMPARISON OF PLATE FEES FOR DISTINCTIVE LICENSE PLATES											
2007											
PLATE TYPE		REGIS'N FEES	COUNTY SERVICE FEE	REFLECTORIZED PLATE FEE ONE TIME ONLY	PERSONALIZED PLATE FEE	OTHER	ROYALTY FEE	500 RESERV'S	TOTAL	* Number of Current Registrations	\$\$ Raised to Date
EX-POW	KSA 8-177c 1983	Exempt per KSA 8-177c	NO	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94		N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$0.50	346	NA
CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR	KSA 8-1,145 1997	Exempt per KSA 8-1,145	NO	NO	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141		N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141	\$0.00	4	NA
COMBAT WOUNDED PURPLE HEART	KSA 8-1,140 1994	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94		N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$35.50	3,234	NA
PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR	KSA 8-1,139 1991	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94		N/A	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141, tag est. prior to 7/1/94	\$35.50	53	NA
ORGANIZATIONS:											
CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND	KSA 8-1,148 1999	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	Exempt per KSA 8-1,141		\$25 - \$100 Authorized, currently \$50	Attained	\$35.50 Plus Royalty Fee	251	
FIREFIGHTER	KSA 8-1,155 2005	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00		NONE	Attained	\$75.50	4,454	N/A
AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM	KSA 8-1,150 2000	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00		\$25 - \$100 Currently \$25	Attained	\$35.50 Plus Royalty Fee	410	
SHRINE	KSA 8-1,151 2001	\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00		\$25 - \$100 Currently \$35	Attained	\$35.50 Plus Royalty Fee	508	
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	KSA 8-1,142 1994					Plate Production Fee per KSA 8-1,142	Alumni Associations				
K. U.		\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$25 - \$100 Currently \$50 - \$60	Attained	\$80.50 Plus Royalty Fee	1,468	
K STATE		\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$25 - \$100 Currently \$50	Attained	\$80.50 Plus Royalty Fee	2,439	
PITTSBURG		\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$25 - \$100 Currently \$30	Attained	\$80.50 Plus Royalty Fee	1,001	
WICHITA		\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$25 - \$100 Currently \$35	Attained	\$80.50 Plus Royalty Fee	1,084	
EMPORIA		\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$25 - \$100 Currently \$35	Attained	\$80.50 Plus Royalty Fee	480	
FORT HAYS		\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$25 - \$100 Currently \$30	Attained	\$80.50 Plus Royalty Fee	429	
WASHBURN		\$30.00	\$5.00	\$0.50	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$25 - \$100 Currently \$50	Attained	\$80.50 Plus Royalty Fee	550	





**Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee**  
Thursday, February 8, 2007

**SB 198**  
**Creating a Breast Cancer Research and Outreach License Plate**  
Testimony In Favor Offered by the University of Kansas Medical Center

**Conferee:** Roy Jensen, MD; Director, KU Cancer Center

**Testimony**

Madam Chairperson and members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation, my name is Dr. Roy Jensen, and I am the Director of the University of Kansas Cancer Center. I am testifying today in support of Senate Bill 198.

Senate Bill 198 establishes a personalized license plate to support breast cancer research and outreach. This license plate, which is the brainchild of Senator Barbara Allen, is another example of her commitment to helping women in the State of Kansas more effectively fight breast cancer. She knows all too well what a breast cancer diagnosis feels like and what it takes to fight this disease. We are lucky to have such a dedicated State Senator driving the efforts to eradicate breast cancer in our state.

In addition to Senator Allen's efforts to establish a Breast Cancer Check-off Program, I am confident that this new personalized license plate will help:

- Raise awareness of breast cancer among Kansas women;
- Increase the funding for research conducted by breast cancer researchers at the University of Kansas Cancer Center; and
- Support breast cancer education, screening, and early detection outreach activities provided by the Midwest Cancer Alliance.

For women, breast cancer ranks second among cancer deaths behind lung cancer. According to estimates by the American Cancer Society, 1,750 Kansas women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 340 will die this year. The good news is that we are making head way in the fight against breast cancer nationally and in Kansas — mortality rates have stabilized nationally and are declining. However, we still have a long way to go in our efforts to prevent breast cancer and detect it early enough to improve the effectiveness of treatments. It is unacceptable that 1,750 Kansas women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year — **we can do better.**

February 7, 2007  
Attention: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
Re: Senate Bill 198

I am very excited about the possibility of a specialty plate dedicated to promoting breast cancer awareness and raising funds for a pressing need in our state to be filled by the University of Kansas Medical Center and the Midwest Cancer Alliance.

There are many thousands of breast cancer survivors currently living in Kansas. My mother is one such survivor. She was diagnosed by mammogram with stage III breast cancer in September 2003 and today celebrates a newfound appreciation for cancer-free living. Last spring she wrote to Senator Allen about the possibility of starting a plate in Kansas and then asked me and the Kansas Medical Society Alliance to work to make it happen. Seeing the possibility of meeting a need, and never wanting to be outdone by Missouri who already has a breast cancer plate, I was very willing to go to work on this project!

Current statistics indicate that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. Including men as well, this becomes 1 in 16 Kansans, or more than 171,000 people currently living our state. Since each of those 171,000 likely has families and communities that will be greatly disrupted by this devastating diagnosis, it is safe to say breast cancer will impact hundreds of thousands of Kansans.

A breast cancer awareness license plate would be effective in lowering the rates of both incomplete treatment and later-stage diagnosis for all Kansans. Regarding cancer treatment, the funds raised by the issuance of this license plate will be used by the University of Kansas Medical Center and the Midwest Cancer Alliance to reach out to breast cancer patients across the state with opportunities to enroll in clinical trials. These trials not only provide life-saving research, but each patient undergoing these clinical trials will have access to medications, chemotherapy's, radiation, and/or surgery as needed and extensive follow-up care, regardless of personal health insurance or proximity to the nearest large city hospital that would typically offer these trials. The goal of this position is to reach ALL breast cancer patients in ALL corners of our state.

Research has proven that early detection is key to a person's chance of surviving breast cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, a person diagnosed with stage I breast cancer has a 98% 5-year survival rate while a person diagnosed at stage IV has closer to a 26% survival rate. It is up to individuals to become mindful of lumps and other changes that might occur in their bodies and bring these to the attention of a physician as soon as possible. These license plates will serve as reminders to thousands of women to stay on top of their own breast health. The pink ribbon is well recognized as the symbol for breast cancer awareness. This plate is designed with the pink ribbon draping a sunflower as a reminder to every woman, every day and on every street, that she must take charge and follow the widely-known steps to early detection: self breast examinations and mammograms. Advertising on the road is everywhere from signs with golden arches to bumper stickers depicting donkeys and elephants. This pink ribbon is a recognizable symbol, an important one to keep in front of our women and those who love them.

Only great things can come of this, and I appreciate your part in making a breast cancer awareness license plate a reality for Kansas. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Dunlap, Kansas Medical Society Alliance  
Lawrence, KS

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February 7, 2007

Attention: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

Re: Senate Bill 198

My name is Mary Jones and I am the Legislative Chair for the Kansas Medical Society Alliance. I am also a breast cancer survivor. I was diagnosed in March of 2003 with breast cancer. A day that was to be like every other became a day of fear and uncertainty. I was a 40 year old mother of four daughters ages 8 – 13. I was in surgery the next day to have the lump removed. I was fortunate to have family and friends close by to lend their support. I was treated in the vicinity of where I lived, I had health insurance and I had support. I was able to receive one of the best medications for nausea so that my children did not see me sick from the treatment. Going through treatment for breast cancer brings about many changes to the body.

This bill is important to me as an individual. The License Plate will not only give Kansans a way to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness, but also help those individuals that need resources to get them through the process of treatment. The Midwest Cancer Alliance will use the proceeds from the Plate to benefit those individuals that need these special resources.

We are in the process of securing the funding for the license plate through several resources. The Kansas Medical Society Alliance has volunteers across the state ready and eager to staff booths at various women's and breast cancer fundraising events, provide information to the media state-wide, and work on a grass-roots level as well to sign up drivers interested in having this license plate. Many of us know individuals who have been affected by breast cancer. If each individual has one other person, a daughter, sister, mother, or friend, willing to show support by purchasing a plate, the 500 will very quickly become 1000 and so on. Please let Kansas "step up to the plate" and join in the cause.

Thanks,

Mary Jones

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**Kansas Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee Hearing**  
**Senate Bill 198**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2007**  
**Room 519-S**

**Lanita Moss**  
**Vice President**  
**Young Survival Coalition**  
**Leawood, KS**

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Good Morning. My name is Lanita Moss and I am an eleven-year breast cancer survivor. After being diagnosed at the age of 32, I co-founded and am currently Vice President of the Young Survival Coalition. (YSC) The YSC is the only international, non-profit network of breast cancer survivors and supporters dedicated to the concerns and issues that are unique to young women and breast cancer. Through action, advocacy and awareness, the YSC seeks to educate the medical, research, breast cancer and legislative communities to persuade them to address breast cancer in women 40 and under. The YSC also serves as a point of contact for young women living with breast cancer.

But I am not here today as the Vice President of the YSC. I am here today as a Kansas resident and a breast cancer survivor. When my friend, Senator Julia Lynn was appointed senator from District 9, I immediately told her of my wish and dream of having a breast cancer license plate in Kansas. This is not a new dream, but one born years ago as I watched other states adopt and design license plates that allow their citizens to show their support for a cause that affects thousands of Americans every year. Frankly, I was jealous because I wanted the same opportunity to show my support.

October, as I am sure you are all well aware is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During this month, we are inundated with information about breast cancer and the ubiquitous pink ribbon. You can find pink ribbons on chapstick, nail polish, yogurt containers, bags of candy, coffee mugs, and the list goes on and on. The reason for the success of this cause related marketing campaign is that the average consumer wants to give and make a difference. Few people have the financial means to write large checks to breast cancer organizations, but if I, as a consumer, can buy that chapstick or that pair of running shoes along with hundreds of thousands of other people, then I feel like I have contributed. No single one of us can find a cure for breast cancer and no single one of us can help the thousands of women and men diagnosed with breast cancer every year. But if given the opportunity to buy a bag of candy or yogurt or a license plate and part of the proceeds goes to organizations that can find a cure or help those diagnosed, then we have made a difference. I see a Kansas breast cancer plate as a continuation of a very successful cause related marketing campaign that can create an opportunity for Kansans to express and display their support for such a worthy cause.

Kansas is not paving new ground by debating a breast cancer license plate. Twenty-two states have already adopted and implemented such a plate. States like our neighbors Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, Arkansas and Colorado. The designs range from a simple white plate with a single pink ribbon to others that are works of art. Each one uniquely designed and proudly offered to the citizens of their state.

As I understand from my reading of Senate Bill 198, the funds raised through a breast cancer license plate will be used to support a statewide coordinator for the Midwest Cancer Alliance. This proposed coordinated effort between the University of Kansas Cancer Center, the Midwest Cancer Alliance and the doctors and hospitals of Kansas will ensure access to the best possible cancer treatments, early detection protocols and clinical studies. I find this proposed legislation progressive, forward thinking and one I can whole-heartedly support. When I was diagnosed with breast cancer eleven years ago, I



was living in New York City where I had access to world-renowned doctors and cutting edge treatments. I was incredibly lucky. But I have come to realize that not everyone is as geographically fortunate as I was. With the passage of Senate Bill 198, regardless of whether one lives in Leawood or Lenora, every Kansan will have the same opportunity to receive state of the art cancer treatment. And that makes me proud to be from Kansas.

By displaying a breast cancer research and outreach license plate on my car, I will be able to show a badge of honor as a survivor, to show support for an incredibly worthy cause and I will have a chance to make a difference in the lives of my fellow Kansans.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak today regarding Senate Bill 198. I strongly urge you to support this bill, as it is a project and cause that is near and dear to my heart and breast.

Thank you.



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**To:** Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
**From:** Dan Morin  
Director of Government Affairs  
**Subject:** SB 198 Providing for a breast cancer research and outreach license plate  
**Date:** February 8, 2007

The Kansas Medical Society appears before you today to voice strong support of the license plate program outlined in Senate Bill 198.

After reviewing many options in the fight against breast cancer, the conferees before you today decided the proceeds from the license plates would best be used to support a statewide coordinator position for the Midwest Cancer Alliance. The coordinator would serve as a liaison between the KU Cancer Center, hospitals, physicians, and clinics across Kansas to ensure that breast cancer patients are aware of prevention and early detection protocols, treatment choices, and clinical studies. A diagnosis of breast cancer is one of the most difficult experiences one can face. In addition to coping with a life-threatening illness, those affected must make complex decisions about treatment. In most cases no one right treatment exists for breast cancer. It is therefore important to find the best approach for each individual. One of the most effective ways to combat breast cancer is early detection which can reduce breast cancer deaths by 30%.

The National Cancer Society estimates that in any given year, one-fifth of women diagnosed with breast cancer will die of the disease. As Kansas's population continues to age, it is estimated that many more women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Age Versus Risk of Breast Cancer**

Current Age	Risk
20	1 in 2,500
30	1 in 233
40	1 in 65
50	1 in 41
60	1 in 29

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This plate will mean so much to so many Kansans. The plate will honor the memory of those who have lost their battle with breast cancer and serves as a symbol of hope, strength and support to those currently fighting the disease. The Kansas Medical Society is pleased and honored to have participated in its planning.

We hope the Kansas Legislature will agree with the importance of this initiative and urge the committee to favorably pass out Senate Bill 198. Thank you for your attention and review of our comments.

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Testimony for the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
Lisa Benlon, Legislative/Government Relations Director  
American Cancer Society  
Re: **SB 198**  
February 8, 2007

Chairman Allen and Committee Members,

Senate Bill 198 authorizes the creation of a specialty license plate to support the KU Cancer Center.

Royalties from the purchase of the specialty plates will benefit breast cancer research and outreach.

The American Cancer Society acknowledges the good work KU Cancer Center does for those inflicted with cancer and their families. We support Senate Bill 198 and request the committee look upon the bill favorably.



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February 6, 2007

Senator Barbara Allen  
Chair, Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee  
State Capitol, Room 122-E  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Senate Bill 198

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the 36 physicians and more than 350 associates at Kansas City Cancer Center, we would like to express our support for Senate Bill 198.

We believe that the goals of increasing awareness about prevention, detection, and treatment are laudable. We also believe that any and all efforts to increase awareness of and participation in clinical trials are the key to making advancements in the War on Cancer.

Our experience has been that many of our Missouri patients, breast cancer and other, have the Missouri breast cancer awareness license plates on their cars in our cancer center parking lots. It is both a way to keep prevention and screening on peoples minds as well as to give back to future research. We fully expect that many Kansas breast cancer awareness license plates would be seen in our parking lots as well, were they made available to our Kansas patients.

Sincerely,

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**Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee**  
**Testimony on SB 59**  
**Tuition Tax Credits**  
**2/8/07**

Madam Chairwoman, members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity today to express my support of SB 59.

It becomes ever more important for our young people to gain additional education and skills beyond high school in an age where the economy demands such post-secondary training. The financial burden put on our families by the ever escalating costs for such education cannot go un-noticed. Additionally, if this state is to move forward with economic development initiatives to bring jobs requiring high level skills, we must also ensure that our workforce is educated to meet this demand.

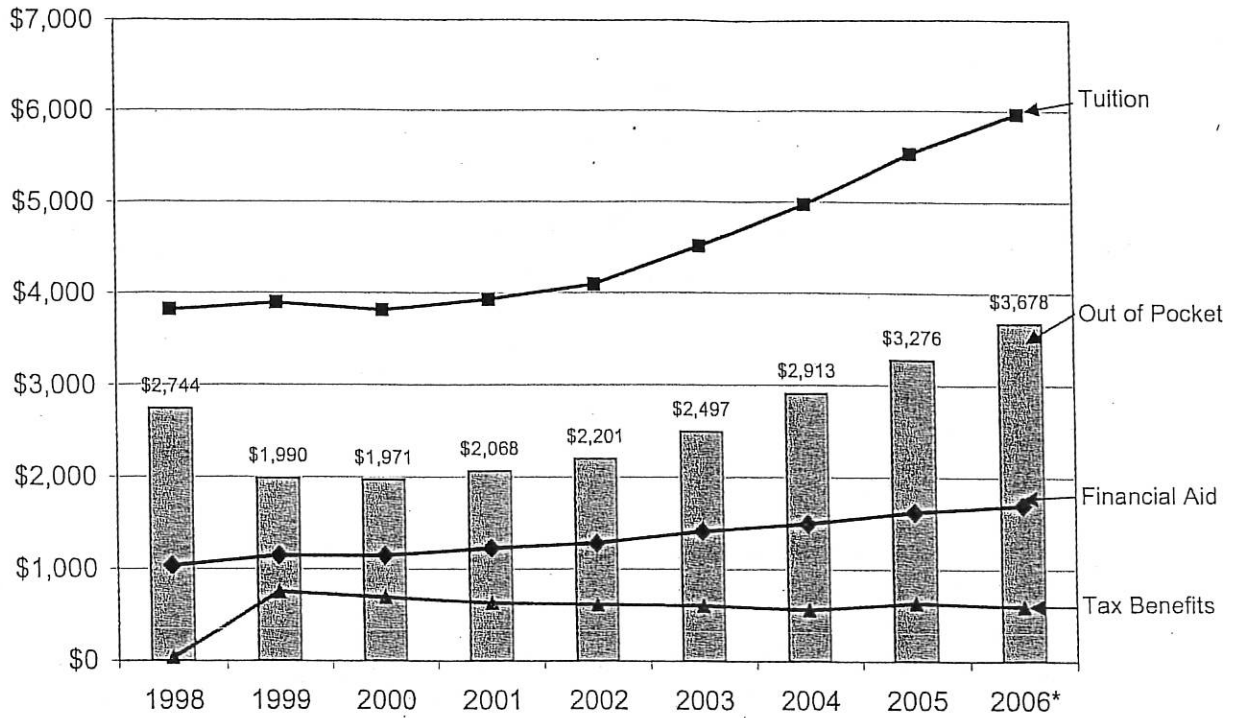
I have included a chart from the Legislative Division of Post Audit analyzing the rising cost of tuition compared to the amount of aid available to our students. You can see an ever widening gap between aid, out of pocket expenses and the total cost of tuition.

For this reason, I have proposed SB 59 to provide a measure of relief to our students and their families across our state who attend a Kansas institution. SB 59 would mirror section 25A of the internal revenue code by allowing a student or his/her guardian to claim a tax credit against tuition or related expenses in the amount of \$250 in 2007 and \$500 per year thereafter.

In support of our young people pursuing higher education in our state, I urge this committee to favorably consider SB 59. I thank you for your time.

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Figure 2-2  
 Factors Affecting Out of Pocket Tuition Expenses  
 Per FTE in 2006 Dollars



Because state-specific data aren't available, we obtained national data from the federal Office of Management and Budget on the value of the HOPE and Lifetime Learning tax credits, as well as the tuition tax deduction, and applied national averages to Kansas students. We have no way of knowing whether the national average is higher or lower than actual Kansas tax benefits.

\* 2006 is estimated and includes the tuition tax deduction for the full year.

Source: LPA analysis of federal tax information, and schools' fiscal information and enrollment



**Testimony to  
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
by  
David G. Monical  
Executive Director of  
Governmental and University Relations  
February 8, 2007**

Madame Chairperson, Members of the Committee:

Washburn University supports the proposals embodied in **SB 59**.

The "flat" world requires each of our citizens to achieve his or her educational goals. The goals can be met in a number of ways, at a variety of times through a diverse array of programs and institutions. Good public policy must provide as many incentives as possible to insure each individual's educational experience is fully realized.

The tax credit approach embodied in **SB 59** is just one of many incentives provided to individuals to pursue or sustain one's educational objectives. Targeted particularly at the middle class and working adults, the deductibility of a portion of these federal tax credits from Kansas income tax seems a small price to pay if it encourages individuals to initially enroll or to remain in school.

Although we will offer over \$50 million in student financial aid this year, everyone's financial circumstances differ. For some, these tax credits may offer an effective inducement to continue or complete a course of study, particularly if they do not qualify for other forms of aid.

In the interest of encouraging our citizens to attain the benefits afforded them individually, and all of us collectively, through post secondary education, we encourage your support of **SB 59**.





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SENATE CHAMBER

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Re: **SB 172** – Income Tax Credits for Academic Fees

Madame Chairman:

**SB 172** provides that, for taxable years commencing after December 31, 2006, a taxpayer who pays fees to a public school for textbooks and workbooks required by the public schools academic curriculum, would be allowed an annual income tax credit for the full amount contributed, up to \$100 (or \$200 per married couple).

I first became interested in this concept when I read about the Extracurricular Activities Tax Credit Program in the state of Arizona. Your packet contains a color brochure for the Paradise Valley Unified School District. In Arizona, a taxpayer may receive an income tax credit for any extracurricular activity for which the school district requires a fee. An income tax credit for the full amount contributed, up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple) is allowed.

The scope of SB 172 is limited to an academic income tax credit, and to \$100 per taxpayer (or \$200 per married couple) simply to keep the fiscal note down. To give you some idea of what parents are paying for academic fees on textbooks and workbooks required by the public schools academic curriculum in Kansas, the Kansas Department of Education estimates that fees collected in the 2005-2006 school year for textbooks and workbooks totaled \$21.2 million!

I have also provided a newspaper article from the Lawrence Journal World, dated August 13, 2006, in which Sue Roberts, a parent of a student in the Lawrence School District, says it will cost her \$338 for her son to walk in the door on the first day of school. Sue could not be here today because she works two jobs, and cannot afford to miss work to testify.

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## YOU HAVE MANY CHOICES

To claim the tax credit, taxpayers must contribute to an extracurricular activity for which the school district requires a fee. You may contribute to one of the general categories listed below or you may specify a program on the list you want to support. Available activities vary by school site. Please contact the specific school for the activities at that location.

### EXAMPLES OF FEES:

- Intramural Fees
- Athletic Fees
- After school classes (i.e. homework class, tutoring, reading class, etc.)
- Festival Sports Fees
- Overnight Field Trips

### Athletics: Any Sport

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-Country/Track
- Football
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming/Diving
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

### Visual and Performing Arts (Extracurricular)

- Band/Orchestra
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- Drama
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### Other Eligible Activities

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(602)867-5140 (Dstrct)  
3997 E. Lockwood Dr.,  
Phoenix 85050

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

Desert Shadows  
(602)493-6000  
5858 E. Sweetwater  
Scottsdale 85254

Explorer  
(480)419-5600  
22401 North 40th St.,  
Phoenix 85050

Greenway  
(602)493-6300  
3002 E. Nisbet Rd.,  
Phoenix 85032

Mountain Trail  
(480)538-7100  
2323 E. Mtn. Gate Pass  
Phoenix 85024

Prospect  
(602)787-5015  
15002 N. 32nd St.,  
Phoenix 85032

Shea  
(602)493-6440  
2728 E. Shea Blvd.,  
Phoenix 85028

Sunrise  
(602)493-6030  
4960 E. Acoma Dr.,  
Scottsdale 85254

Vista Verde  
(602)493-6013  
2826 E. Grovers Ave.,  
Phoenix 85032

#### HIGH SCHOOLS:

Horizon  
(602)953-4104  
5601 E. Greenway Rd.,  
Scottsdale 85254

North Canyon  
(623)780-4200  
1700 E. Union Hills Dr.,  
Phoenix 85024

Paradise Valley  
(602)867-5505  
3950 E. Bell Rd.,  
Phoenix 85032

Pinnacle  
(480) 419-4400  
3535 E. Mayo Blvd.  
Phoenix 85050

Polaris  
High School  
(602)787-5015  
15002 N. 32nd St.,  
Phoenix 85032

Shadow  
Mountain  
(602)867-5326  
2902 E. Shea  
Phoenix 85028

#### OTHER SCHOOLS:

Roadrunner  
(602)493-6220  
3540 E. Cholla,  
Phoenix 85028

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PARADISE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

## A WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE!

Here's your chance to make an important contribution to education at our schools and receive an income tax credit for the full amount you contribute up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple)

## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Arizona tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows taxpayers a tax credit\* of up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple) if they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. Extracurricular activities such as sports, band, speech and debate, or overnight field trips are generally not fully funded by school districts. These programs depend on fees from students.

## YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

The tax credit is available to all State of Arizona tax payers, regardless of whether they have children in school. Contributions from businesses are always welcome, however such contributions cannot be used to obtain a tax credit.

## IT'S YOUR CHOICE

You may donate less than \$200 and be eligible to receive the state tax credit in the amount of your donation. The amount you donate — up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple) — will be the amount you may claim as a state tax credit. For example, if you donate \$50, your state tax credit would be \$50.

You may split your donation among more than one public school or more than one activity, but will still qualify for a maximum state tax credit of \$200 (or \$400 per married couple). Just send your check, along with the Response Card, to the school(s) of your choice. A receipt will be mailed to you.

### \*KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

Contributions to public schools have always been tax deductible. A tax deduction allows you to subtract the amount of a contribution from the amount of your taxable income. The new law allows a tax credit, which is subtracted from the amount of taxes you owe. A tax credit is a full refund of your money.

## A CONTRIBUTION GETS THE MONEY WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO

Contributions that are eligible for a tax credit are donated directly to schools, not to the state and not even to the school district. The funds are not subject to the revenue control limit that prevents schools from spending more than a fixed amount for programs. Your donation will go exactly where you want it to — immediately helping more students become involved in fun, meaningful, life-enhancing activities.

## IT'S THIS EASY!

Using the response card on the right, you'll have lots of ways to say "Yes!" in support of our schools. Here's how it works:

- Write the dollar amount, up to \$200 (or \$400 per married couple beginning in 2006) that you want to contribute.
- Indicate the school you would like to support (see school listings on back of brochure). Make check payable to that school.
- Check the box of an activity category you want to fund. If you'd like to support all activities at a school just check the "any extracurricular activity" box.
- Fill in your name and address.
- Drop off the form and your check at your local school and pick up your receipt. If you prefer to mail it to the school, we'll return your receipt in the same fashion. (Must be postmarked by December 31)

COUNT ME IN!

## RESPONSE CARD

Please apply my donation\* of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(up to \$200 for single or head of household; up to \$400 per married couple)

to extracurricular activity programs at this school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(See back panel for list of schools)

I wish to designate this money for:

- general fees  
 athletics  
 visual/performing arts  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
 any extracurricular activity

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to front office (at elementary/middle schools), the bookstore (at high schools) or mail directly to the school.

Tax credit can be claimed on personal tax returns only. Contributions from businesses are welcome. Such contributions are deductible, but cannot be used to claim a tax credit.



## Hitting the (check) books

Sending kids to school more costly than ever; fees, transportation, programs drive up expenses

By Dave Ranney

Sunday, August 13, 2006

Sue Roberts did the math.

“On that first day of school, it’s going to cost us \$338 for my son to walk in the door,” she said. “That seems like a lot to me.”

Roberts is a caretaker for two sororities at Kansas University. Her husband, Harold, drives a truck for UPS.

Their 15-year-old son, Max, will be a sophomore at Free State High School. He’s not planning on going out for a sport, and he doubts he’ll have time for the after-school clubs.

“If he did, it’s \$50 to be on a team, \$60 for a physical and \$25 for each activity,” Roberts said. “School pictures are anywhere from \$9 to \$45, and if you want a yearbook, it’s another \$45.

“At some point,” she said, “you just have to wonder how much of stuff is getting out of reach for some people. Do other schools charge this much?”

Roberts’ concerns are not unique. School leaders have grown accustomed to hearing parents complain that having to pay hundreds of dollars in fees on top of the district’s 52-mill property tax levy is just too much. A mill is \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 in assessed valuation.

The district’s fees are, in fact, among the highest in the state.

### Programs vs. fees

But school leaders say that’s because the school board, responding to pressure from parents, has resisted calls to cut costs by dropping programs and lowering standards.

“What we hear from patrons, especially parents, is that they want a wide variety of options and choice, almost unlimited choice,” Supt. Randy Weseman said. “They have high expectations, which I support. But more choices means more expense and a surcharge of fees. I have had no calls asking to roll back programs, only fees.”

In Kansas, school district revenues are limited to state aid, local property taxes and fees. They cannot levy a sales or an income tax.

When state aid falls short of a district’s costs and when a district is collecting all the local property tax

it's allowed to collect, it has to cut costs, impose fees or do both.

"Those are the tools we've been given," Weseman said.

Since 2002, Lawrence schools have done both.

"To try to make ends meet, we came up with a list of choices — things that could be cut — and asked the public for feedback," said school board President Sue Morgan.

Board meetings, she said, turned into protests.

"We had 300 to 400 patrons telling us not to cut things like junior high band or orchestra, or sign-language classes or intramural sports," Morgan said. "It got to the point where we finally said, 'OK, would you rather have fees?' and the response was, 'Yes, we would.'"

Each year, the fees generate about \$1 million — nowhere near enough to cover the different programs' costs.

"They're a partial offset," Morgan said.

The fees have not been raised in four years.

### **Teacher salaries**

Since 2002, shortfalls in state aid derailed the district's campaign for all-day kindergarten and stalled efforts to raise teacher salaries. Board members still want to bring back all-day kindergarten in 2007-08, and they're expected to offer teachers a pay increase in the next few weeks.

Morgan said the board would love to do away with fees.

"But that's not the question," she said. "The question — it's the question that no one wants to answer — is what are we willing to give up?"

Without the fees, money for the programs would have to come from the district's general fund, which, in turn, would leave less money for teacher salaries.

Roberts, the Free State parent, doesn't want that.

"I think teaching ought to be the highest-paid profession there is," she said.

But how, Roberts asked, can the district say it has to charge fees when there appears to be plenty of money for new buildings?

"It seems a little outrageous," she said.

### **Construction costs**

Weseman disagreed. The construction going on in the district, he said, is long overdue and part of the \$54 million bond issue for construction projects that voters approved last year.



**Mark Desetti, Testimony  
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee  
February 8, 2007**

**SB 172**

**Also representing the Kansas Association of School Boards**

Madame Chair, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to share our thoughts on **SB 172**. I would like to note that I am speaking today for both KNEA and the Kansas Association of School Boards.

I have appeared before legislative committees before and handed out copies of my fee payments to legislators. As a parent I am annually shocked by the fees I pay to the Lawrence School District just to keep my children in school.

There are technology fees, supplemental enrollment fees, band fees, choir fees, extracurricular activity fees for sports, extracurricular activity fees for buses and for admission to sports events, and there are textbook fees. I would love relief.

I must tell you that it was a shock to me to move from California to Texas and find that Texas gave parents a mandatory supply list to be purchased. But the real shock was to move from Texas to Kansas and find not only the mandatory supply list but a bill for a variety of "fees" from technology to textbooks. I wondered what ever became of the mythical "free, appropriate public education."

SB 172 would provide some tax relief to parents who must pay textbook fees. While I can appreciate that as a payer of such fees, I am more interested in the day when there will be no need for fees. (This year I've paid \$422 excluding a parking permit, a sports fee, and a drama participation fee.) The acknowledgement that such fees exist is an acknowledgement that our schools do not have the necessary fund to provide for the education of our students.

Would it not be better to simply fund schools in such a manner that fees were unnecessary? ✓

SB 172 takes money out of the state's revenue stream to offset fees being paid because we have yet to fully fund our public schools. —

Yes, I appreciate the credit. But I'd just as soon not have to pay the fees.



## 2006-07 Enrollment Fees

Fee	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-9	Grades 10-12
Textbook Rental	\$36.00	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$72.00
Instructional Materials	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Technology Materials	N/A	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Activity Trip Transportation	\$7.50	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Supplemental Enrollment	N/A	N/A	\$50.00	\$50.00
Participation Fee <small>(per activity/sport; check approved list in school offices)</small>	N/A	N/A	\$50.00	\$50.00
Co-Curricular Fee <small>(per activity; check approved list in school offices)</small>	N/A	N/A	\$15.00	\$25.00
Parking Fee <small>(required to park in lot, not included in payment plans)</small>	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$10.00
Activity Ticket <small>(required for athletic &amp; co-curricular activities; not included in payment plans)</small>	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$25.00
Laidlaw Pay-to-Ride <small>(distance requirements apply; add \$10/semester, \$20/year if paid after July 14)</small>	\$120/year (one-way)	\$120/semester; \$240/year	\$120/semester; \$240/year	\$120/semester; \$240/year
Lawrence Virtual School <small>(Fee for course acquisition or recovery beyond full-time high school course load is \$250/semester credit. There is no charge for district students recovering credits.)</small>	\$43.50	\$97.00	\$97.00	\$97.00
<p><i>Preschool (Peer Models) Fee is \$150/Month. Additional Course Fees May Apply Depending on Student Enrollment. Fee Waivers are Available for Students Qualifying for Free or Reduced-Price School Meals. Payment Plan Options and Credit Card Payments are Available.</i></p>			<b>Breakfast Prices</b>	<b>Lunch Prices</b>
			Elementary: \$1.10	Elementary: \$1.90
			Secondary: \$1.25	Secondary: \$2.15
			Reduced: 30 cents	Reduced: 40 cents
			Adult: \$1.50	Adult: \$2.65
<p><i>Approved by the Board of Education, Lawrence Public Schools, June 26 &amp; July 5, 2006</i></p>				