



KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Neutral, with concern- Testimony on SB 481

Thank you for the opportunity to testify as neutral on SB 481, as we are working with Kansas State University to provide some technical language clean up in section four of the bill. The concerns of community colleges in section four of the bill has nothing to do with the naming of K-State Salina. However, as introduced the language suggested could cause additional confusion and would seem to imply that the institution would become open access, and potentially create other statutory conflicts.

Kansas State has been a good partner and has committed to working with us to address the concerns identified. We and Kansas State have agreed to work collaboratively on an amendment which will address community college concerns. This amendment will be presented to the committee prior to working on the bill. If the amendment contains the language which we have discussed and agreed to with Kansas State, we will have no concern with SB 481, and support Kansas State University in their desire to rename K-State Salina.

Thank you for the opportunity to alert the committee that we are working with Kansas State on some amendment language in section four of the bill.

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