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Good afternoon Chairperson Brown and Members of the Committee. My name is Eric King, Director of Facilities for the Kansas Board of Regents. I am unable to attend this afternoon's hearing but appreciate the opportunity to present written opposing testimony before your Committee concerning House Bill 2515.

Our concerns relate to language in Section 4 of the bill. Section 4 requires all contracts over \$100,000 to be bid through the Department of Administration. We believe this to be inconsistent with procedures currently in use via K.S.A. 76-7,125 *et. seq.*, the State Educational Institution Project Delivery Construction Procurement Act. Further, HB 2429 is currently under consideration by the 2012 legislature. This bill would remove the June 30, 2012 sunset provision on the aforementioned statute.

K.S.A. 76-7, 125 *et. seq.* allows, among other things, the state universities the ability to bid non-state funded projects independently from the Department of Administration, an initiative that has realized significant savings in time and money due to inflation over the past two years.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on this matter.