

Chairman Huebert and members of the Committee, I introduced HB 2555 at the request of the Hutchinson Recreation Commission, City of Hutchinson and Hutchinson USD #308. These entities have reached agreement on a better and more appropriate mechanism for funding the Recreation Commission moving forward. I have asked Revisor Mike Heim to prepare a balloon for a substitute bill that reflects that agreement because the original bill, as introduced, did not reflect that final agreement.

HB 2555, as amended, would move the Hutchinson Recreation Commission from a school district sponsored independent recreation commission to a city sponsored independent recreation commission, due to the fact that the current boundaries of #USD 308 do not reflect the scope of the outreach of the Hutchinson Recreation Commission. All affected entities are in agreement. The expansion of the tax base from the school district to the city will best serve the community.

Joining me today to answer any questions are Paul Brown, the City Attorney, Mike Mendoza USD #308 Board President, Dr. Shelly Kiblinger, USD #308 Superintendent, Tom Cook, Dir. of the Hutchinson Recreation Commission, and Doug Vance, Ex. Dir. of the Kansas Recreation & Park Association.