

February 28, 2012

Senate Ways & Means Committee:  
Re: HB 2429

Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Kansas and its 225 Kansas commercial contractors and their 8,000 employees would like to encourage you to support HB 2429.

AGC of Kansas is the only “Full Service AGC” that covers the entire State of Kansas and is recognized as the Chamber of Commerce for the commercial construction industry. AGC of Kansas believes that HB 2429 would provide additional construction procurement opportunities for those public agencies that secure non-state funds to make improvements to their overall educational infrastructure.

AGC of Kansas’s support of HB 2429 is a result of several meetings with the staff for the Board of Regents and many of the educational institutions to look back on the process of SB 9 and look at the strengths and weaknesses of this process. During this review and look back, AGC of Kansas raised concerns about the process for selection of the Construction Management component of SB 9. This process has produced only two projects under Construction Management and both of these projects were awarded to “OUT OF STATE” construction firms. AGC of Kansas believes that there is the talent within the Kansas construction community that can perform these types of projects in order to maximize the construction investment in our community. AGC of Kansas is confident that the Board of Regent’s staff will continue to work with the industry to provide feedback to those construction firms who do not get selected on these construction management projects. This feedback will provide those unsuccessful firms with information on how they stack up against the successful bidder in order to make their firm better prepared for future construction procurement opportunities.

AGC of Kansas has appreciated the variety of competitive bid construction projects that SB 9 has provided and these competitive bid projects has allowed for job growth, tax base growth and the enhancements to campus infrastructure.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and thank you for your leadership to the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Mike Gibson  
Executive Vice President

Senate Ways and Means  
Date: 03-02-2012  
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