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Members of the House Federal and State Committee Chairman Siegfreid Vice Chair Brunk Ranking Minority Member Ruiz

RE: HB 2055

Members of the House State and Federal Affairs Committee, Chairman Siegfreid, Vice Chair Brunk,

On behalf Kansas community colleges, I submit this written testimony in favor of HB 2055 with the current subsection (i) to allow the governing body of our colleges to exempt itself from the requirements of this bill for a period of four years.

Our locally elected trustees are closest to the community and in the best situation to assess the security of their campuses. Each Board of Trustees can then assess their local situation and make the best possible decision for their campus in their role as the governing board.

Without this subsection, we cannot support the bill.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our opinion on HB 2055.

Sincerely,

Linda Fund, Executive Director

Kansas Association of Community College Trustees