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Chairman Rickman and members of the appropriations committee, Wichita State University appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2703.

WSU believes that public-private partnerships are the future for development, innovation and entrepreneurship in the state of Kansas. They provide education, and specifically for WSU, the ability to develop strategic relationships with private business that provides opportunities for our students and researchers to contribute to businesses at a global level while giving those students and researchers a unique experience that is becoming more common around the country and is critical to growing the Kansas economy.

In principle, we are supportive to the concepts of HB 2703 so long as there are amendments that allow for checks and balances safeguarding the state's interests and provide a platform to work with private business.

WSU would like for the following suggestions to be added to HB2703 to meet the intended goals of this legislation.

1. Paragraph (c) (2) contract any indebtedness on the credit of the state *other than normal and recurring credit extensions incurred in the ordinary course of operating the state agency;*
2. Paragraph (c) (4) acquire real estate *by purchase or exchange but not by gift;*
3. Paragraph (c) (5) contract with a third party to *maintain*, construct or improve any institutions or facility on state-owned property *that requires state agency expenditures in excess of $2,000,000;*
4. Paragraph (c) (6) make expenditures for *maintenance*, construction or improvements for any institutions or facilities *that requires expenditures in excess of $2,000,000;*
5. Paragraph (c) (9) enter into a municipal lease obligation *in which the annual liability is in excess of $1,000,000.*
6. *New Paragraph (c) (10), with any public-private partnership (P3), the state's liability for any debt incurred by the P3 is limited to $2 million or ten (10) percent of the project whichever is less. Any debt incurred by private investors, may not be guaranteed by the state or any of its entities.*

Thanks for the opportunity to present our suggested changes to this legislation. We look forward to working with you in the future. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have.