

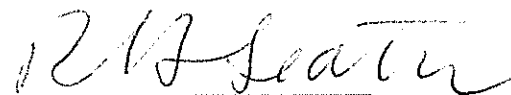
Testimony of Dick Seaton before the House Education Committee in OPPOSITION TO
HOUSE BILL 2139. February 24, 2015

I served as Kansas State University attorney during the litigation in 2005 challenging our law which allows instate tuition for certain undocumented immigrants. KSU was a defendant in that case. In the course of discovery, I learned that the University had only a handful of such students, but they included some of our highest achievers.

They were mostly brought as young kids to the U.S. by their parents. They could not get student loans and would likely not have been able to attend if they had to pay out-of-state rates. And of course they had to have attended three years of high school in Kansas and graduated here, requirements not imposed on other students. In addition, they were not eligible for instate tuition anywhere else.

The federal courts rejected the lawsuit challenging our statute. The law does not negatively affect our out of state students. It is consistent with federal immigration law. It is similar to laws in a dozen other states, which the courts have consistently upheld.

These young people did not make the decision to come here; but they have stayed and pursued their education here. I believe we owe them a chance to become educated participants in our democracy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard H. Seaton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Richard H. Seaton