

Testimony on Senate Bill 404
Senate Ways and Means Committee
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Chairman Masterson and members of the Committee, Senate Bill 404 requests permission for the following transaction:

Kansas State University requests approval to complete a land exchange due to a discrepancy between the legal description and the fence lines of property located at 2850 West 32nd Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502 and known as Ashland Bottoms. Ashland Bottoms is a research farm used by the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State University. Westar discovered the discrepancy while working to lay electrical line on the property in conjunction with an easement provided by Kansas State University. An appraisal of the two tracts of unimproved land was conducted. Tract #1 is owned by the Kansas State University and contains 1,660 square feet. Tract #1 is valued at \$232.00. Tract #2 is owned by Raleigh and Miriam Eggers and contains 13,732 square feet. Tract #2 is valued at \$1,375. A land exchange has been worked out with the adjacent property owners to resolve the problem. The University is seeking authority to sell or exchange Tract #1 with 1,660 square feet for Tract #2 with 13,732 square feet. Senate Bill 404 provides for sale of the state property (Tract #1) as the first step in the exchange. In addition to the appraisals required by law, an environmental assessment has also been completed.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and I will stand for questions.