

**Testimony before Senate Ways & Means Committee
SB 494 – consolidating K-12/Regents payroll accounting
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(written only in support)**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee

On behalf of the Kansas Chamber, I am pleased to provide testimony in support of SB 494, which would consolidate state educational institutions and regents institutions payroll systems. This is a common sense efficiency proposal.

The Kansas Chamber champions governmental efficiency in its Legislative Agenda. We encourage government reform aimed at lowering the overall cost of state government so it is more affordable to Kansas businesses and residents. A fertile area for consolidation, efficiency and cost reduction is in the IT arena, with this specific proposal being only one of many opportunities for savings.

We would encourage passage of this proposal and a close look at consolidating other functions such as consolidation of entire IT departments of educational institutions into our regents systems. SB 494 is a reasonable first step in what we hope is a more comprehensive move toward statewide efficiencies in the near future.



“...to continually strive to improve the economic climate for the benefit of every business and citizen and to safeguard our system of free, competitive enterprise”.