

Testimony

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Madame Chairman and members of the committee—my name is John Yeary, I am the Chief Counsel for the Department of Administration.

The Department of Administration's Surplus Property Division holds state surplus at our facility at I-70 and MacVicar here in Topeka. Any items that are in working condition, but are no longer needed by agencies can be turned over to Surplus Property.

In the interest of administrative efficiency, HB 2595 would amend 75-6602 to allow the Surplus Property Division to sell surplus-ed items to the general public once they are received.

Currently, KSA 75-6602 requires the state to hold all pieces of surplus property to sell exclusively to state agencies for the first 30 days after being received. After those 30 days, members of the general public may purchase these items.

In practice, this requirement creates unnecessary steps in the sale of surplus. All new surplus items are tracked and categorized based on the date when they were received, which complicates the process of selling these items.

Based on the availability of surplus items, this requirement also does not have a practical effect. Agencies do not have problems acquiring property from surplus for their needs, and holding property for agencies is not necessary.

With that, the Department of Administration can answer any questions.